

### Embassies could be headed by recruits from private sector

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LABOUR govern-ment would adver-tise vacancies for top ambassadorial posts to attract candidates from the business world to give a sharper and more competitive commercial edge to British diplomacy, the Guardian has learned. Embassies in countries

men and women recruited from the private sector, under plans being drawn up by the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook.

tial targets for these jobs. The remainder of Britain's 180-odd missions would still be headed by career diplomats, Labour insists. The plan could heared the

seas representation by the Central Policy Review Staff — the Cabinet Office thinkthe first time be headed by

Four to five countries, mostly in the emerging markets of Asia and the Pa-cific Rim, would be the ini-

offering "strategic market diplomats, Labour insists. when Peter Jay, then son-offering "strategic market The plan could berald the in-law of the then prime this system ... provides the opportunities" could for most significant attempt to minister, James Callaghan, best service for Britain."

shake up the Foreign Of-fice's culture since the review of Britain's over-seas representation by the

seas representation by the Central Policy Review Staff - the Cabinet Office think-tank - in 1977. Labour's front bench, sensitive to criticism from the Whitehall establish-ment, insists it has no in tention of introducing a role for the career diplo-mat," a spokesman said. role for the career diplo-mat," a spokesman said. "The FO has a structure to repeat the experience of outside political appoint-ments, most famously can lead to becoming a head

He added: "Ambassadors | They're OK with first secrehave specific expertise in a wide range of activities which might not be avail-able if the jobs were put out to business."

Behind this formal de-fence lies a barely-concealed anxiety that recruiting even a small number of ambassadors from outside the Foreign Office would be the thin end of a wedge. thing — and they could take the mickey out of it," said one Whitehall veteran. innovatory thinking."

"The danger would be if the commercial thing began to work. If it doesn't work they'll say 'I told you so'. Robin Renwick, former en-

voy to Washington and South Africa, and Sir David taries and probably a coun-Hannay. former ambassa-dor to the UN, have been advising the Labour leader, sellor. But after that it's the dignity, it's the plumes." The 1977 study, under

Tony Blair. Of serving ambassadors, a big question mark bangs mined by a crude campaign by Whitehall, concluded that "insufficient account [has] been taken of the changes in the UK's posi-tion in the world". While there was much value in the FO's esprit de corps, it had disadvantages. "Being so strong it is quickly ab-sorbed by new recruits and so tends to encourage con-servatism and discourage A number of former am-bassadors, including Sir exports to Iraq.

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Austin

over the future of Stephen Wall, Britain's ambassador to the EU in Brussels and close confidant of John Major. if Labour came to power. He was chided by Sir Richard Scott for his role in the "arms-to-Iraq" affair for helping to draft a "misleading" letter about the Government's policy on

LUVILY RIPE TOMA'ER





#### lan Traynor in Bonn, John Palmer in Lux and Michael White

**ERMANY** last night dramati-cally raised the stakes in the beef war when it unilaterally declared it would continue the ban on beef derivatives which the European Commission had agreed to lift after sustained pressure from the British government.

Germany's defiance came as its other EU partners hard-ened their attitude to Britain's campaign of obstruction and veto, uniting in an unprecedented chorus of condemnation for the British attempt to paralyse the working of the union.

At a stormy meeting of EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, met a barrage of unbridled hostility from his 14 European counterparts, several of whom accused Britain of attempted blackmail.

Following the attacks, Mr Rifkind did an unexpected U-turn and decided not to block agreements with Algeria, Slovenia and aid to Bosnia.

front as Conservative rightdum bill today.

osceptic, is introducing a symbolic bill - which has no chance of becoming law -seeking an early referendum in which voters would back reject negotiations over closer EU integration. Eurosceptics see it as a test of backbench opinion and predicted that about 80 Tory MPs could support it.

There were rumours that one middle-ranking pro-European minister was contemplating a protest resignation, countered by claims that a sceptical minister had been talked out of doing the same. The German government's | page 8

announcement signalled its resolve to stand firm in the war with the British. After meeting the agriculture ministers of Germany's 16

federal states, Horst Seehofer, the health minister, said all ministers had pledged to maintain the imports ban against British beef products. The European Commission voted last week to lift par-tially the blocks on bull

semen, tallow and gelatine and Germany's two commissioners in Brussels have come under sharp criticism at

home for agreeing to the loosening of the curbs. Even before the beef war erupted in March. several German states had slapped unilateral import bans on British beef, embroiling them in legal tussles with Brussels.

British ministers, fearful of the repercussions within the party which would follow a failure to secure a binding agreement at the forthcoming Florence summit, now appear ready to settle for what other EU governments see as little more than a figleaf declaration on the beef ban. The Italian European

Union Presidency warned that it was "unrealistic" to expect full agreement at Florence on a stage-by-stage lifting of the ban. But Lamberto Last night the Government Dini, the Italian foreign min-

was facing trouble on a third ister, made it clear that even this will be conditional on wingers, already alarmed at John Major at least suspendthe veto retreat, faced heavy ing Britain's veto campaign. pressure to vote for a referen-There is a real danger for

Bill Cash, the leading Eur- the Prime Minister that he will return from the Florence summit with little more than a partial agreement in principle for the lifting of the ban. Last night Mr Rifkind said this would be "completely unsatisfactory". He insisted that if the Florence summit failed to produce a framework agreement "our policy of non-

cooperation will continue". British ministers now concede that the framework Turn to page 2, column 6

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The eyes have it. . Democratic Unionists at Stormont yesterday: (left to right): Peter Robinson MP, Gregory Campbell, Ian Paisley, Nigel Dodds and William McCrea MP PHOTOGRAPH GRAN LITTLE

## Tea and a symphony of warm words amid the usual bloody mindedness

#### David Sharrock reland Correspo

It is time to end all that how ever difficult it may be. His-HE first day of Northern tory has involved too many victims," he said. "Too much blood has been spilt." Ireland's talks lived up to all its expectations: drama, pathos, courageous Later he told reporters: "We cannot afford to fail be words, cups of tea, hope, sanc-timony, and plain bloody-mindedness. All of life was

cause the opportunities now being opened, having reached here, even if not all in the this far in discussions, may not easily re-emerge were this opportunity not to be taken." same room at the same time. The highlight of the day was not a lockout - as Sinn

Fein had hoped - but the absence of a walkout by any of 'For too long the Unionist parties, in spite the history of of threats over their unhappi-Northern ness with the agenda and Ireland has chairman George Mitchell, President Clinton's close ally. poisoned the The atmosphere in the present and packed negotisting chamber

during John Major's and John Bruton's opening speeches was "highly the future' John Major charged", according to the various parties' spin doctors.

Both governments' most senior press advisers were so History would not forgive nervous that at the last mothem. Or forget him; the one ment they decided not to prolasting monument to his previde a live television feed of miership - the prize of solvthe historic commencement. ing the Irish question -The Prime Minister, Mr seemed as if it might yet have

Major, encapsulated the spirit its unveiling ceremony. of the moment when he Mr Bruton also lived up to opened proceedings with a the sense of occasion, deliverwarning about the conse- ing a sensitive performance quences of failure. "For too | conducted on hostile territory long the history of Northern in which he stressed how

come from the funeral of a Garda detective, who police believe was shot dead by the RA on Friday, a man "merci-lessly cut down in the prime of life". The challenge that lay ahead was to "overcome the legacy of history". "Constitutional national-ists, North and South, now ac-

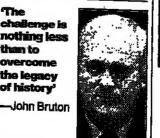
cord full recognition not only to unionists' distinct ethos and cultural identity, but to the centrality of their British The allegiance in their identity," he told the delegates in the crammed chamber, where only Sinn Fein's two empty seats jarred the symmetry of the table. His speech led to a remarkable first: the Rev Ian Paisley sat through the entire speech of an Irish prime minister de-livered on Ulster soil without

walking out or bellowing at him. Even if they would not admit it, the Unionists must have liked many parts of Mr Bruton's speech. The two prime ministers

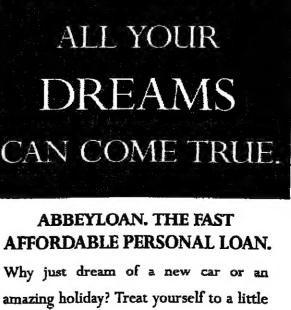
were at one that Sinn Fein would only be allowed inside once the IRA has unequivocally restored its ceasefire. The campaigning demand of the republican movement has been 'peace talks now'," said 0000 Mr Bruton. "Today is now."

Ireland has poisoned the pres-ent and threatened the future. I taken a period of reflection But Sinn Fein didn't see it, or play it, like that outside. taken a period of reflection and redefinition. He had just "We come as peace-builders," declared the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, hoping to snatch the best soundbite prize of the day from the British and Irish premiers. Even-tually, after several hours spent wrangling at the gates, they left to return to west Belfast.

#### Inside Castle Buildings, obduracy and pettiness contin-



and slag. But the overall picture was good; bitter enemies were standing within feet of



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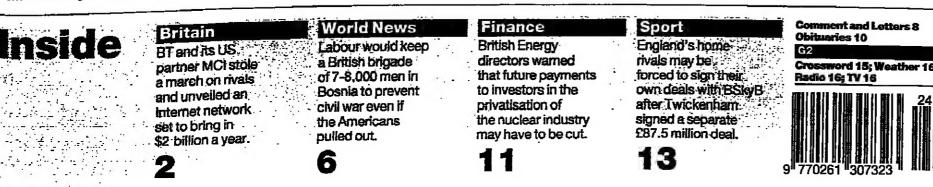
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than to overcome the legacy of history -John Bruton

ued offstage. Various dele-gates emerged briefly to spin

one another and not beating each other up. Mitchell role thwarts peace talks, page 5; Leader ent, page 8; Hugo

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## Norris's unnerving BT scores Internet coup Mr Nice Guy show



Simon Hoggart

RANSPORT questions in the Commons and no sign of Brian Wilson (Lab, Cunninghame N), the Opposition spokesman for railways, who you might expect to turn up every month to rail at the minister, so to speak. I assumed that he'd been

privatised. That would account for the fact that he has stopped turning up on time and that large parts of his daily timetable have been cancelled

But I was mistaken. A colleague tells me that Mr Wilson has left the job, having been put in charge of Labour's new rapid rebuttal unit, and its computer, Excalibur. He sits in front of his keyboard rebutting things, rapidly.

A newspaper, or a Conser-vative, says something which the Labour Party believes to be untrue (or would like the voters to think was untrue, not quite the same thing). Mr Wilson punches a button, Excalibur sifts its data bank and spits out a rapid rebuttal. Some people allege that Mr Wilson left his job at Transport because he detested Clare Short, the spokeswoman. They claim they got on so badly that they could not even bear to be in the same room, never mind sit buttock to buttock on the leather benches. They say that even in a party racked by hatred and recrimi-

nation, this vendetta was exceptional Brinnngg, brinnngg Squweeeeeep! The office fax whirrs into life. "Excalibur here. Your suggestion that Brian Wilson and Clare Short do not get on is utterly untrue If we do not see a rebuttal in the Guardian within 10 min-utes, Mr Wilson will be forced to come round with a broken Famous Grouse bottle,

rapidly." Oh well. It wasn't the same without him. Clare Short got herself into a muddle again, and said that there was joy in

heaven "when a singer epenteth". Which singer did she mean? Madonna? Harry Connick Jr? It would be wonderful if they

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epented, or better were head butted by Brian Wilson. Steve Norris, the minister for transport in London, was on unnervingly genial form. He had a kind word for all his Labour opponents. Mr Norris, known to his friends as "Shag

ger", is retiring at the next election in order to spend more time with his mistress -sorry, in his German car dealership.

It seemed as if the sheer effort of being horrible to the other side had all become too much. Being nice to people might be his retirement

hobby. Or perhaps he hopes to sell them a few Audis. He was even kindly to Denis MacShane (Lab, Rotherham) who has a remarkable gift for

infurlating Tories. He said that he had been thrown off his bike in Parliament Square. adding that there were "those of us who want to come here with our trousers tucked into Mr Norris knows all about that kind of thing, but in his case it probably has less to do

with keeping his turn-ups away from the bike chain than with having to get dressed in a hurry.

He sympathised warmly with Mr MacShane. "I am sorry to hear about his unforunate experience of being knocked off in Parliament square," he said in a meaning ful way, "though that might not come as such a surprise to the rest of us."

Nigel Spearing (Lab, New-ham S) suggested that other councils could follow Newham, and appoint a cycling of-ficer. (What does a cycling of-ficer do? Shout at cyclists? "Get that rear reflector repaired, you horrible little man. What are you?" "A hor-

rible little man, sah!") Normally Tory ministers would regard a cycling officer appointed by a Labour council as being similar to those social

workers allegedly paid £30,000 a year to stop people telling Irish jokes in pube. Instead, Mr Norris genially

suggested that Mr Spearing looked so fit because he cycled so much. It's come to some-thing when a minister has to use his best pick-up lines on the Opposition.

violence

Douglas Farah in Cali

Mark Tran in New York viding dedicated Internet services to business customers, BT and MCI are seeking to T AND its US partnip in the bud the challenge ner MCI yesterday from Internet upstarts that stole a march on lack the marketing clout and its rivals and unthe close commercial ties envelled the world's joyed by the phone giants. BT's chief executive, Sir biggest Internet network set to bring in \$2 billion (£1,037 Peter Bonfield said: "Just as million) a year by the end of the BT-MCI alliance was the the century. The move comes as small first to offer multinationals seamless global telecommuni-

specialists are springing up worldwide to offer internacation services, today, we are debuting the first class of tional Internet access, at local call rates, to customers inglobal Internet services." The new deal, called Concluding the very companies cert InternetPlus, will the telecommunications firms are hoping to attract with new network facilities or "superhubs" to allow business current global and long

distance offerings. By pro- | customers direct access to the | as a means of communication | should minimise bottlenecks. Internet through local computer centres. The two companies plan to spend \$100 million by the end

of the year to expand their global partnership and global reach through the Internet. NTT Data Corp. part of Nip-

US launch of biggest network 'to make £1bn a year' 
Firms offered high speeds on dedicated service

munications company - will act as distributor of the new service in Japan. Through Concert Internet

Plus, BT and MCI will seek to provide corporate customers with reliable, secure and high speed connections to the in-ternet as the network becomes increasingly popular

for private and business subscribers Use of the Internet, which started as a US government network, is expected to double to roughly 200 million

users by the end of the century, with some experts pre-dicting up to 500 million One of the biggest problems facing Internet users is con-gestion. Usually, data travel-

ling between two Europea countries is routed back to the US before reaching its final destination. The use of Concert InternetPlus' hubs and its "backbone" transmission system worldwide

rival, AT&T, America's telecommunications giant AT&T Telephone companies genis huilding a host of corporate erally have upgraded existing Internet services based on the networks to carry internet traffic but BT and MCI are Notes software developed by Lotus, later taken over by IBM. AT&T, expected to going a step further by buildlaunch its own Internet expansion this year, claims it will become the world's largest Internet access provider

pany, claims it carries 60 per cent of Internet traffic. The Internet market of the future may include commer-

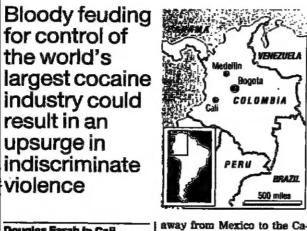
efforts succeed. This would make international calls available at local-call rates.

BT pointed out yesterday that the Internet market is ex-pected to be worth \$41 billion by 1999. Last year there were 35 million e-mail accounts and by the end of the century these are expected to rocket to 300 million The Internet market in the UK could reach

SI billion by 2000. In launching Concert Inter-netPlus, BT and MCI have march on their archstolen a

Miguel Rodriguez Orejuela: held in the same jail as his rival for control of the Cali cartel

## **Colombian capos** battle for power



next generation, and it will not be pretty," a law enforcement official said. "Ivan Urdinola and the others want to get rid of the Rodriguezes .... and take over the organisa-tions, and the old guard will not go quietly." The feud became public on

May 24, when gunmen at-tacked Miguel Rodriguez' son William at a restaurant in Cali. William was shot six times, but survived because a bodyguard threw himself over him - and was hit by 37 bullets.

Four other people accompa-nying him were killed. William is extremely important, because he is the only one of the second generation of the Rodriguez family



ing dedicated networks. by early 1997. Sprint, Ameri-ca's third long distance comcial voice traffic if current



## Touch of genius steals the show

#### Martin Kettle

Review

\* **Gidon Kremer/Philbannonia** Royal Fastival Hali

HAT does a reviewer do when he is sup-posed to describe an tant new work, only for Gidon Kremer to come along and give an absolutely astonishing performance of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto that simply demands to take top billing?

One answer would be to avoid the dilemma by never going to a Gidon Kremer concert. But to miss out on Kremer is to miss out on probably the most remarkable soloist of any kind currently before the public, a judgment fully vindicated in his latest appearance with the Philharmonia Orchestra under the Georgian conductor Djansug Kakhidze.

**Kremer's interpretations** start where everyone else's leave off. From the moment h first laid bow to string in the Tchaikovsky he was in his most daring mood. You might think that there was no more to be said about this warhorse concerto but Kremer, ever the defier of the predictable, found something spontaneous in even the most familiar phrase

Every note seemed to hang that little bit longer than usual in the air. Every attack was that bit more incisive, each underlining that crucial touch more dramatic. His playing was incredibly fierce in the outer movements, and ethereal in the slow movement. The music seemed to sing with that quality that separates the genius from even the very fine.

## amnesty in wake of Dunblane

### Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

UST under 5,000 weapons have been surrendered in the first week of the national firearms amnesty declared after the Dunblane shooting. The total includes more

than 900 guns handed to the police in Scotland. But it matic shotguns, and a vintage Winchester rifle. seems that the national response during the month-long

Being Kremer, Tchaikov sky was only the start. The concert had begun with Sibe-lius's Finlandia. Before that, the enterprising Philhar-

monia had put on a "pre-con-cert" of Sofia Gubaidulina's cryptic Seven Last Words for strings, cello and accordion. But the longest and most am-bitious work of the evening was the Lament (in Memory o Luigi Nono) for violin, soprano and orchestra by the Tbilisi-born composer Giya Kancheli, which was receiving its first performance in

this country. Lament is a 50-minute concerto of sustained restraint, interrupted periodically by episodes of enormous force. and performed without a break. It begins with bleak phrases from the violinist, om which a delicate orches tral texture derives. The usher in long periods of reflec-tion from the soloist against a fragmentary instrumental background, interspersed with biblical references sum

by the soprano Claudia Barainsky. After the orchestra's final outburst, the soloists join in a duet of withdrawal from the world to a setting of poem by Hans Sahl. The Mahlerian echos are

strong here, but Kancheli's music lacks the developmen tal urgency that is never ab-sent from Mahler's writing. The spare, inert texture of this deeply introspective score conveys a fashionable mysti-cal power, but there is no abid-

MAN who emigrated to America almost 50 ing conviction that anything ing conviction that anything is resolved, musically or philosophically, in a powerful score, which — needless to say — was played by Kremer with total conviction and unbroken Britain last night with a special gift the largest arts donation of its kind. While millionaire property developer Arthur Gilbert,

## Disappointing response to gun

for the Environment, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, was revealing dethe 48,000 weapons handed in tails of his generosity, a £75

More than £15 million of guns can be handed to police cash from the National Lotwithout fear of prosecution provided they have not been used in crime. The weapons tery will be used to refurbish surrendered in the past week include a Russian-made Ka-

Nick Varley

BLOODY battle has far less cordial ties with the that knows how to run both broken out within the Call cartel over control of the world's trafficking broken out within Mexican traffickers who currently transport much Colombian cocaine to the US. largest cocaine trafficking The infighting, which has left dozens dead, comes as organisation and its billions of dollars in profits - signal-ling one of the sharpest rea-**President Ernesto Samper** faces scrutiny on allegations that his 1994 election cam-

ribbean and Central America,

the Urdinola faction has

lienments in Colombia's drug trade, informed sources say. paign received up to \$6 mil-lion (£4 million) from the Ro-Associates of Cali cartel driguez brothers. The lower house of Congress is expected leaders, as well as Colombian and United States law enforcement officials, say a group of traffickers led by Ivan Urdinola is moving ag-gressively to destroy the co-caine empire of brothers Gil-perto, and Mignal Date Gil-Party, is likely to compare the second s to rule today on whether he perto and Miguel Rodríguez Orejuela. Although Urdinola and the Rodriguez brothers The Cali cartel, a loose affil iation of drug trafficking are in prison, enforcement organisations, produces and officials say the three con-tinue to run their empire distributes up to 80 per cent of the world's cocaine. The Ro-driguez brothers, who last The outcome of the fight is week pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges, had been displaced as the largest colikely to change the Colom-bian drug trade significantly. Both groups use violence, but whereas the Rodriguez caine traffickers in recent years. However, because they organisation spends millions of dollars to buy police, army, pioneered large-scale ship-ment to the US and sophisti-

udicial and political proteccated money-laundering tion, Urdinola's group is seen as more indiscriminately vioschemes, they were accorded special respect by other

Nation gets £75m gift

Court of Justice, should be en-

joying its new role by the

Many of the items to be ex-hibited there, including gold

boxes and micro-mosaics,

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when they were exported. But 27 years after he started

turn of the century.

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the drug business and the legitimate businesses." a cartel associate said. "If they had killed him, they would have cut off the link between those in prison and the organisation outside." Cali sources said that by

targeting a close relative of the Rodriguez brothers, Urdinola was signalling a war to the death. "You do not target a key family member unless you are willing to go all the way," a cartel associate said. The Rodriguez brothers did

not take long to respond, car tel sources said. Four days after the attack on William, five men believed to be his attackers were gunned down outside Cali. And on June 3. José Loaiza, a cousin of the jailed trafficker Henry Loaiza. was shot five times in the face in a supermarket in the Caribbean port of Barran-quilla. Henry Loaiza is the leader of Urdinola's military wing. The roots of the war date

back to January. after José "Chepe" Santacruz — one of the founding fathers of the Cali cartel — escaped from In the part of the drug back of the drug

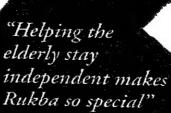


Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela: with his brother, continues to run drug empire from jall

to wage a war of terror against the state, and was killed on March 5 in mysterious circumstances. Intelligence sources and as

sociates of the cartel said it appeared the Rodriguez proval to the rightwing para-military leader Fidel Castaño to help police kill Santacruz so his violence would not push the government to a more serious crackdown.

Urdinola, and others, according to sources close to the cartel. felt the Rodriguez brothers were treading dan-gerously close to the ultimate



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million collection of gold and shootings in 1968. Under the scheme, illegal silver.

the vaults of one of London's most important buildings to display the jewellery, Mr Heseltine revealed. lashnikov, two semi-auto-Somerset House, in The

ears ago returned to

aged 83, was preparing to at-

tend a dinner in his honour hosted by Virginia Bottomley.

Secretary of State for National Heritage, and John

Gummer, Secretary of State

Gilbert has decided to move it from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. He said he was delighted at his return to Britain: "I always love England. I only left for selfish reasons because I wanted to live in the sun." Mr Heseltine said the jew els' return would reverse the flow of treasures from Brit-

portant collections of gold and silver in the world," he "It's a unique collection and for it to be housed in Somerset House is tremen-

dous for the people who have always wanted to see Somer-Strand, currently used by the set House opened up in the Inland Revenue and the Royal way it's going to be and have

ain. "It's one of the most imsection

#### building the collection, Mr the area will be acknowledged as public open space. The building, designed by Sir William Chambers, is regarded as one of London's most important. It is probably the Luxembourg meeting had most widely known for for-merly holding birth, marbeen highly uncomfortable. "There was a great lack of en-thusiasm for the [British] polriage and death records. The £15.5 million lottery

a collection of this quality. Mr Gilbert, born in Golder

Green, north London, made his millions through property deals. He emigrated 47 years

Before last night's dinner

he signed an agreement with

Mr Heseltine to seal the trans-fer, although final details

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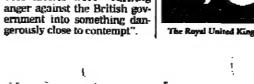
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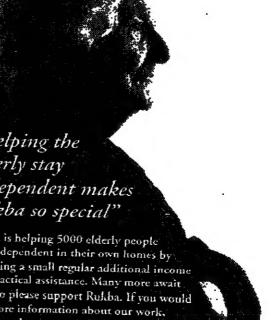
have still to be worked out.

icy," he said. "This is somerant will be used to refurthing which we do not want to do. But it is intended to get progress on decisions about the beef ban. Progress has bish its Terrace Building But Mr Heseltine said that

been made ... it will just be a even if the money had not een available, the Governweek or so." ment would have worked to One senior Commission offibring such a high quality dis-

cial warned last night that play to Britain. Britain's "blow hot, blow cold" Until the opening of the veto tactics were "turning new galleries, the collection is expected to tour throughout the country.





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## NEWS 3

Our man in . .

Our man in . .

#### Sir John Kerr:

Age: 54 Job: Ambassador to US since August 1995. Education: Glasgow Acad-emy, Oxford University. Family: Married, 2 sons, 3 daughters. Career: Seconded to Trea sury, 1981-84, private secretary to chancellors Howe and Lawson. Senior post Washington embassy, then ambassa EU. Brainy Scot; sharpness in detecting political boobytraps; hailed by Margaret Thatcher as a "golden pen".



Age: 52 Job: Ambassador to Germany Education: Lancing College, Cambridge University. Family: Married: 2 sons, 1

stepson Career: FCO high flyer, for-merly chief spokesman; John Major's press secretary, 1994-96. Postings include Moscow, Ma-drid, Brussels. Former Harvard fellow, writing on media and r minister. ent k then deputy head of mission,



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Labour's scheme to advertise for potential am-

bassadors is introduced,

successful applicants will

find that one traditional gift for the job is still crucial:

the stiffest of upper lips. They will discover it is

needed to survive foreign emergencies like the Great Booze Disaster of Ulan Bator, which was recently followed by the Great Booze Disaster of

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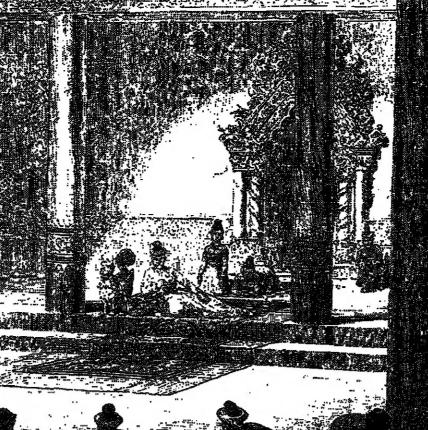
extreme pressure has become

#### Stephen Wall

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Age: 49 Job: Ambassador to EU. Education: Doual School, Cambridge University. Family: Married, 1 son. Career: A Eurosceptic; private secretary to three foreign secretaries before joining John Major where he was





Michael Jav: Åge: 49 Job: Ambassador to France. Education: Winchester and Oxford University, School of African and Oriental Studies at London University. Family: Married Career: Paris embassy, financial and commercial affairs. FCO director for European Community affairs; key role in Maastricht negotiations. Got Paris job in face of bid by top

FCO woman, Pauline Nevilie Jones. Manageme

Cerebral.



Age: 57 Job: Ambassador to Ireland since March 1995. Education: Royal School, Bath; London and Southamp ton universities. Family: Married. Career: In FCO's top three women. Served in Copenha-gen: specialised in develope ment issues in New Delhi and as delegate to Unesco. Ambassador to the Ivory Coast, and non-resident envoy to Niger and Burkina Fasso



Sir Andrew Wood:

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**Career:** Postings include Moscow (twice), Washington

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diplomats, a stiff upper lip is still crucial for any one hoping to be 'sent abroad to lie for his country' Britain via the trans-Siberian railway. In 1985, however, Mr Iones's supplies got stuck in a St Petersburg railway siding for nine months during the Russian winter. "By the time it arrived, the sparkling wine bottles had burst, the other wine had gone off and they had to drink malt whisky with every course," the London wine shipper who orga-nised the consigment said vesterday. 'It is better to draw a vei over the latter we received from the diplomatic service."

Chin-chin . . . where's the gin?

rere. . . British diplomats during the age of Empire at court for an audience with the King of Burma in 1876

As Labour plans to advertise for

When Mr Jones was posted

to Kazakhstan, the FO pru-dently switched to a road

route. But in 1993 the lorry to

eador Sir John Mildenhall exchanges pleasantries with Akhar, Emperor of India, in 1599

voice of Maria Callas filled the opera house. He struggled to find reasons for a refusal he thought inexplicable. Cabot Lodge retired, baffled and indignant." The US

Grand gestures still have their place. Sir Christopher Mallaby, ambassador to Paris, walked out of the Channel tunnel into France to present his credentials. In last month's spy crisis Sir Andrew Wood, sador to Russia, drove to: the Kremlin in a Rang Rover instead of a Rolls-Royce

to make a point about British hard-headedness. But the most historic lesso for diplomats of all breeds is

joined the Soviet Union in condemning and undermin-ing the British invasion

to suppress their cynici The father of British diplo-macy, King James 1's ambas-sedor Sir Henry Wotton, is





## **4 BRITAIN**

## Man continues to defy deportation order

into hiding.

## **Chapel refuge for Chinese in hiding**

#### **Geoffrey Gibbs**

HONG Kong man who fled from his home in Cornwall to avoid being deported. has taken sanctuary in a Methodist church after two weeks on the run.

Hing Fai "Albert" Tong left the house he shared with his Cornish-born wife, Becky, and their three-year-old daughter, Monica, the night before he was due to be put on a flight from Heathrow. Supporters say he has been living

Mr Tong, who has lived in Britain for 17 years, was granted refuge at the Methodist chapel in Marazion, near Penzance, on Sunday night, only hours after Home Office officials had entered his small | the Court of Appeal ruled that

terraced house in Camborne | a Home Office deportation to search for clues to his order was not open to judicial

whereabouts. He said yesterday he had no review. Lawyers are planning to challenge the deportation in the European Court of regrets about going on the run. "If I go back to Hong Kong I think that I'll never Human Rights, and the Tongs' supporters argue that he should be allowed to come back to see my family because next year Hong Kong will be taken over by China remain in this country pend-

ing a hearing. "It is quite appalling that and everything will change. this family should be hounded in this way," the Reverend David Haslam, sec-The only way was just to go Mr Tong, aged 43, came to Britain to visit his younger brother in Manchester on a

retary of the Churches Com-mission for Racial Justice, one month visitor's visa in said yesterday. The Home Office just does 1979, but later went to Corn-

The nome once just uses not know when to give up. The churches have put for-ward a position of amnesty for families with children born and brought up here and wall where he met his future wife's family. The couple, who began living together in 1989, married in 1992. Their hopes of remaining

for reasons of basic humanity the Government should together in this country suffered a blow last month when

Mr Haslam said the legal right of sanctuary was removed in the early 17th century, and the authorities had the right to enter a place of worship to remove somebody. But he added: "We are quite clear that sanctuary is a pow-

erful moral statement." Ken Taylor, a member of the Friends of Albert Tong support group, said the chief constable of Devon and Cornwall had been informed of the situation and it was up to the police to decide what action to take.

He said Mr Tong had been provided with a bed at the being brought in to him. A member of the support group would remain with him. Devon and Cornwall police declined to comment, but the Home Office signalled a continued tough line.

"The concept of sanctuary no longer exists in law. Mr Tong is still the subject of a deportation order," said a Albert Tong in Marazion Methodist chapel, Cornwall, PHOTOGRAPH: SAM MORGAN

## Nolan on sleaze mission

### lan Black Diplomatic Editor

ORD Nolan, the judge who investigated stan-dards in public life in Britain, is being unleashed on the new democracies of eastern Europe to help them sort out their sleaze.

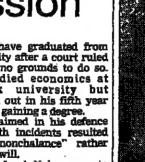
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The propriety of the power-ful will be top of the agenda in

been cleared of a complaint about the income statement he submitted to the parlia-ment in which he failed to list He studied economics at He studied economics at Gdansk university but dropped out in his fifth year his wife's shares in an insurance company. Mr Kwasniewski, a former

He claimed in his defence that both incidents resulted from "nonchalance" rather communist, had earlier been forced to apologise for claim-

than ill will, Later Lord Nolan goes to Budapest where the govern-



## Labour moves

Smith as an olive branch dur-

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overwhelming. No discussion had taken place with Labour

about any retreat from Mr

Smith's commitment. The determination of the

unions not to be excluded from Labour's dialogue with

battle in 1993.

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## away from job rights promise

#### Seumas Milne Labour Editor

Workers are currently en-titled to employment protec-tion only after two years in ABOUR yesterday appeared to signal a move away from the committhe job. John Edmonds, GMB general secretary, said that the case for unfair dismissal pro-

ment to give employment rights to all workers from the first day in a job. At the GMB union confer-ence in Blackpool, John Pres-cott, Labour's deputy leader, said the details and practicalities of the policy were under review and made no commitment to "protection against unfair dismissal from day

business over these issues will be emphasised today when the GMB plays host to one". A spokesman for Tony Blair said that a review of nearly 100 company directors anxious to discuss Labour employment policies. labour market policies being prepared by Stephen Byers, the shadow employment and Industrialists employing

presented in due course". Mr Prescott's remarks more than 2 million people and representing some of came after a strikingly union-friendly speech in which he emphasised Labour's commit-Britain's best known companies - such as British Aerospace, ICL Vickers, Rover and Pilkington — will come to Blackpoool tonight to meet ment to employment rights, stressed the importance of the party's union links and deliv-ered a passionate defence of Mr Byers and Ian MacCartney, another Labour employcomprehensive education and an attack on selection. "T hated a society which said 1

ment spokesman. The meeting, which will focus on the minimum wage, social chapter, and other was a failure at 11," he said. But the "employment rights from day one" policy has par-ticular significance for the GMB, which wants to undertrade union movement, and it line its close working was offered by the late John relationship with bustness.

## **Head accused** of racial bias

HE headteacher who | Brown, and that was enough beat off charges of anti-heterosexual bias for turning down cut price ballet tickets to Romeo and June for her pupils was yesterday accused by a teacher of racial discrimination. Otobo. aged 51, Mrs Griffin said: "I was ad-

gation against Jane Brown and the governors of Kings-mead Primary School in Hackney, east London, at an industrial tribunal

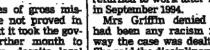
Mr Otobo was suspended after allegations that he had struck pupils and could not control his class of five-year-

to marit an investigation, Mr Otobo's lawyer, Gerry German, asked why his client

very carefully. It was a totally different issue." She said a new investigation was started and it took time to reconvene the board before agreeing to reinstate Mr Otobo.

He was reinstated in July 1993 after being suspended for seven months. He finally returned to work after illness

The charges of gross misconduct were not proved in June 1993, but it took the gov-Mrs Griffin denied there had been any racism in the ernors a further month to way the case was dealt with. le him. She said the discibili mittee had apologised to Mr advice to do so immediately, the tribunal heard. Otobo. Ms Brown had an offer to The current chairman of become a schools inspector but the Office For Standards governors, Pat Griffin, told the hearing at Stratford, east London, that after the case collapsed Ms Brown exin Education has withdrawn the offer until the tribunal pressed new fears about Mr conse is settled. She will con-tinue as head of Kingsmead, if classes, saying two children had been taken to hospital firmed, and report on teachand others had left classes ing and other standards at primary schools. The tribunal is expected to and wandered around the end this week with a decision



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visits next week to Poland and Hungary, both struggling with the transformation from communist to free-market economies where there are plenty of opportunities for making a few zlotys or forints on the side. Lord Nolan, financed by the

Foreign Office, will have his work cut out in both countries when he meets MPs, officials and legal experts to discuss standards and conflicts of interest.

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In Poland, the president, Aleksander Kwasniewski, has work cut out overseas



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nent of the prime minister Gyula Horn, has pledged to work to end corruption, abuses and unlawful property acquisition. Lord Nolan, whose exacting reputation goes before him, has postponed a similar trip to Slovakia amid mounting concern in the West about the democratic credentials of the

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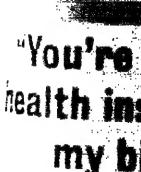
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Lord Nolan: he will have his even worse then most British MPs.

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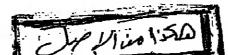
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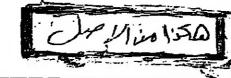
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far has been long and difficult. I have no illusions about the future; that too. may be difficult. But together we have overcome so many obstacles in the past, and I believe we can do so again in the future' - John Major

The road to get this

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'Ultimately the best service we can render to the victims of the conflict is to tackle the causes in such a way that the nightmare of violence will never return' - John Bruton

'Today we have heard strong views put by all the different sides, as we would expect, and we will consult with the parties individually and bilaterally to see how best we move this process forward' - Michael Ancram



### BRITAIN 5

We are here to take our part with others in the collective task of building a peace settlement. We are here as peacebuilders' - Gerry Adams

'There may be some arguments. There will be arguments about procedures and agenda but we will sort those out. We will approach this process in a positive manner' David Trimble

'We have succeeded in preventing the two governments from proceeding to hijack these talks, strangle these talks and destroy these talks and get the republican agenda into motion. That will not happen and it cannot happen' - lan Paisley

On the outside . . . Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams (right), Martin McGuinness and Gerry Kelly demonstate at Stormont gates at their exclusion from the talks PHOTOGRAPH STEPHEN DAMISON

Irish talks stumble over Mitchell role

Unionists reject Clinton's envoy as Sinn Fein demonstrates and Major, Bruton issue joint warning

David Sharrock Ireland Correspond

at the Castle Buildings venue at Stormont in east Belfast as

isters, John Major and John Bruton, affirmed that only an unequivocal ceasefire an-Irish envoy, George Mitchell, as overall chairman. There were chaotic scenes nouncement by the IRA would get them inside. The two premiers also

As Sinn Fein demonstrated meeting with Unionists be-outside the gates at their ex-clusion from the talks, the to get them to accept Mr British and Irish prime min-Mitchell as chairman. Unioncan nationalist agenda. . However, when the hardline Democratic Unionist

talks and get a republican agenda into motion." Mr McCartney said that for once Unionists had demon-strated a considerable degree ists are objecting to him be-cause they believe he will lean towards an Irish-Ameri-

of cohesion. "We have seen democracy at work." The Ulmade a joint appeal for pro-gress beyond the day-long UK Unionist leader, Bob procedural wrangling by McCarmey, emerged to brief spect, only saying that he was come together and actually

Kolth Harper Transport Editor

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trains by a newly privatised company anxious to cut costs on the heavily used London, Tilbury and Southend com-

Two security firms are to be invited by Prism Rail, a

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on the line which the com-

pany wants to eliminate. Part

of its policy is to introduce automatic ticket gates at

The security guard move

was attacked yesterday by

Jimmy Knapp, leader of the

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Union (RMT), who described it as a "classic case of being

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vices on the 40-mile route. About 75 per ceut of the

cause the opportunities now being opened, having reached this far in discussions, may

not easily re-emerge were this opportunity not to be taken." He said that people were sick and tired of the wran-

from proceeding to hijack ern Ireland which we have put the two governments' pro-these talks, to strangle these seen for many decades. talks and to destroy these "We cannot afford to fail be tree stage — even though The responsibility for ensurtre stage – even though Unionists have rejected it "Both governments have ac-The responsibility for ensuring that Sinn Fein can now take part rests clearly on the cepted that we share a respon-IRA, who have the capacity to sibility to lead the process of restor overcoming the divisions of sation the past and the search for a 1994 restore unequivocally the ces-sation of violence of August

new accommodation. "There will be no change in "In exercise of our tender," the position of the two gov-ship role the two poverse eruments. That position is ments have described a roored in democracy," he told

and all-party talks the talks got under way. 21 were close to deadmonths after the IRA called a lock late last night ceasefire and four months since it was ended with the as Unionists fought to block the appointment of bombing of Canary Wharf, President Clinton's special east London.

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Unionists which was still the press at 6pm there was litkeeping Mr Mitchell from taktle sign of a breakthrough. ing his place inside the talks Mr Paisley said that Unionhamber by early evening. Mr Major held a private ists had "succeeded in preventing the two governments

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reserving judgment on Mr see if they can find a solution. I think there is a powerful im-Mitchell's role.

An hour earlier, Mr Major, perative, an obligation on the looking relaxed and happy with the day's developments, said: "I think at the end of the overnments and all the parties to do everything they can to reach a settlement."

day George Mitchell will If the parties failed they prove to be acceptable." The Prime Minister said would not have to answer to the British and Irish governanother opportunity for a ments. "They would have to answer to the people of North-ern Ireland." peace sattlement might not come as easily. "The eyes of people, not just in Northern Ireland but in the Republic Mr Bruton made history hy speaking to elected Unionist

and elsewhere in the United politicians at negotiations Kingdom and right around the world are on these negoti-ations. There is a great deal of held in Northern Ireland without protest. He stressed the changing face of Irish nahope residing in the belief that these negotiations offer tionalism and the need to ac commodate differing identithe best opportunity for a peaceful settlement in Northties and allegiances.

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neral of Garda detective Genry McCabe, who was shot dead on Friday by paramili-New Framework, for agree tories, believed by Irish ment. Both governments havnotice to be IRA members.

ing acknowledged our ro.pon-sibility, it is essential that we Ourside the gates of the talks, the Sinn Fein president, The talks offered the first Gerry Adams, said he led his delegation "not to protest but chance for over 70 years for to participate". But after a all involved, "including those Northern Ireland Office offiwho have traditionally raties! on physical force, to get round the same table to map cial read out a joint government statement explaining out a future of peace, of justhat they would not be allowed in until the ceasefire was restored. Mr Adams said: "We feel cheated that we have "The campaigning demand of the republican movement has been 'peace talks now' been denied the right to be Today is now. It is a matter of part of a collective process to grave disappointment to my build peace."



## **6 WORLD NEWS** Commissar shows Nato the way

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Igor Savin: 'chance to see how people think'

Russian members of the Bosnian peace force refuse to be over-awed by Western ways, writes Jonathan Steele in Tuzla

APTAIN Igor Savin was showing a visitor round his Bosnian base when a jeep pulled up the roor wing a visitor round is base, he gave directions. Helping two Nato units to link up was not what the Rus-sian had in mind when he joined the 76th Paratroop Brijoined the 76th Paratroop Bri-gade. His unit has served in almost every hot-spot of the outside the razor-wire perim-eter and a bewildered Belgian officer jumped out "Is this road called Georgia?" he collapsing Soviet Union from Baku to Vilnius, as well as asked in English, using a code-name from the bizarre Chechenia last year. But Cap-tain Savin remembers no aslexicon of the Nato-led peace implementation force, I-For. signment as interesting as his He was trying to find "Hawk", he said, handing a map across the wire. "We

signment as interesting as his posting to I-For. "I've never been abroad before. It's a real chance to see how other people think," he said. In an effort to break Mos-cow's hostility, Nato per-suaded the Russians to deploy in the American sector. They ride on injust ratios along the don't usually bother with their nicknames," whispered Captain Savin in Russian with a liash of his gold tooth. ride on joint patrols along the He asked the Belgian which camp he wanted. Hearing It border between the Serbian was the nearby American Republika Srpska and Bos-

nlan government territory. 'Our vehicles are smaller, more cramped, and not so comfortable," Captain Savin reports. "But they're better in battle, because they're lower and less easy to target." If the aim is to make each

side respect the other's personnel as well as the hardware, success is more elusive The Russians find their American counterparts unexpect-edly ignorant "not only about us and our history, but even their own."

"Every Russian soldier can read," says Captain Slavin, who graduated from a military college in Novosibirsk in 1989. "I'm not sure all the Americans can.' He regrets that contact with

Bosnians, their official hosts, is minimal. They only go into nearby Tuzla on business for occasional meetings with offi-cials. Like the Americans, they are confined to camp ex-cept for patrols. The hottest-

selling souvenir on the US base is a T-shirt, emblazoned "Prisoners of Peace." The Russians could wear it too. The Russians' second battalion, near Ugljevik in Re-publika Srpska, has better contact with the locals, "perhaps because they remember that Russian mercenaries fought alongside the Bosnian Serbs," says Captain Slavin. "Also, Russians have been close to the Serbs historically.

The Tuzia base's best new friends are Swedes. They used the base before the Russians, and are now in a bigger one a few miles away. The Swedes come over for soccer matches on the dusty parade ground and for steam-baths. "We go to them for a drink," the captain grins. In the strict traditions of the old Red Army, the Russian camp is

dry, In the Swedish time Rambo pay in Russia. Captain Slavin was trained and Terminator posters

as a a Communist commiss adorned the walls of the mess. but the Russians covered Now he is called a political education officer. Twice a week he summons the men to them with green and white camouflage material. "The a row of benches in the yard and gives them a 90-minute session on world affairs, Rus-sian history, and awareness of the law. It is politically only thing we have kept is this picture of Lenin with the Workers." In a cheap gilt frame in the best socialist realism style, it must have been one of a thousand such productions. It is not clear if neutral, he says. On Saturday, a day before the rest of the Russian elec-torate votes in the presidenthe Swedes had it at as a joke. Conditions for the 200 men are spartan. They sleep eight to ten in a tent, heated by wood stoves in winter, now tial election, ballot boxes will be set up at the camp. The army always votes early so that the ballots can be sent sweltering in summer with the flaps up. Some men have home. Four bored privates were sitting in the shade of bought portable TVs and the exercise yard. A quick poli revealed good news for Boris Yeltsin. Two men were video-players. A satellite dish gives them direct access to the two main Moscow chanuncertain and two would vote for the president. Captain Slanels. A round rubber pool in its own tent doubles as a place to splash and a fire safety resvin, the ex-commissar, flashed his gold tooth. His own views were secret, he ervoir. At least the pay is good. The men get \$1,074(£716) per month, five times their insisted.

#### Labour would keep British peace force in Bosnia

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David Fairhall **Defence** Correspondent

Ament would keep British troops in Bosnia even if the United States pulled out. The shadow defence secre-tary, David Clark, who has just returned from former Yu-goslavia, believes it will be essential to keep a British bri-gade of 7,000-8,000 men in place to prevent war breaking out again when the Nato-led i-For peace implentation force leaves at the end of the year. Labour's commitment fun-damentally contradicts Gov-PATENE OFFICE. ernment policy. The Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, has repeatedly emphasised that British ground forces will not remain unless the US also maintains a presence something Washington re fuses to contemplate. At least in public, Whitehall remains wedded to Na to's "in together, out together" formula, although to's the military is preparing for a reduced force to stay on TUIN PAGES under a new mandate. The crucial difference in the position taken by Mr Clark is that it does not de If you are or have ever been pend on Washington. "To leave at the end of the an employee of any of the year would be premature," he said yesterday. "It would be tempting fate. We still need to above or similar Civil Service maintain a robust military presence whether the Ameri organisations, you are already cans are there or not, to facilitate the healing process and the rebuilding of the country." eligible to join our Club. The Labour spokesman envisages British troops For just £12 membership you forming part of a multina-tional force put together by "the European wing of Nato", could enjoy a host of benefits with whatever support the US is prepared to offer. Mr Clark does not believe the Western European Union. including huge discounts on holidays, new and used cars, the European Union's mili-tary arm, is yet ready to organise such an operation. He lieves the most likely opt is to use one of the i mobile headquarters be created by Nato to dep "combined joint task forces The prime ministers Canada and France, Je Chretien and Alain Jup said yesterday it might be i essary to extend the mand of peacekeeping forces in B nia beyond the end of Dec ber and in Haiti beyond end of this month. - Reute

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## **Russia betrays** puppet regime in Chechenia

### James Meek in Moscow

HE administration of President Boris Yeltsin in Russia set itself on a collision course with the loy-alist regime in the Chechen capital Grozny last night by signing a radical deal with leaders of the armed separat-ist movement calling for a withdrawal of all federal troops from the raublic by troops from the republic by

the end of August. In what the Moscow-backed government of Doku Zavgayev will see as a cynical act of betrayal, Russian negotlators reportedly agreed with the rebels that local elections scheduled for Sunday will be postponed until federal forces are withdrawn.

The deal risks plienating large sections of the Russian army, who will question why they had to lose thousands of men and destroy the rem-nants of their fighting reputation only to see the separat-

ists' legitimacy recognised. Although the agreement ap-

administration. A reference to the participation in the elections of "all real political forces" clearly signalled the way is clear for rebels to run for office. The document spoke of "international control" over the withdrawal of federal troops and over Chechenia's "demilitarisation". But there was no specific mention of how and when the separatists were to hand over their weapons.

The agreement raises more questions than it answers. How is Moscow to prevent the rebels from recapturing everything they have lost if federal forces are withdrawn? How will Russian troops be protected from Chechen attack in the meantime? Who will prevent clashes between rebels and Chechen police

loyal to Mr Zavgayev? An earlier version of the military agreement, implemented unsuccessfully last year. envisaged that even after the withdrawal of most troops from Chechenia two



pears to satisfy Mr Yeltsin's urgent need to make peace in Chechenia before the first round of presidential elections on Sunday. Russians are bound to interpret it as confirmation that the war was

never necessary. The two documents. described as "protocols". were signed in Nazran, just outside Chechenia. by the Russian ethnic and federal relations minister. Vyacheslav Mikhailov, and the Chechen rebel commander, Asian Maskhadov.

The main protocol calls for a permanent ceasefire, with ecific bans on the use of artillery and serial bombard ment. It also forbids "special operations", although it is not clear whether this refers to Russian operations against villages or to Chechen hostage raids.

The document calls for federal forces to be withdrawn from Chechen territory by the end of August, and for fortified Russian checkpoints to be dismantled by July 7.

Both sides agreed elections Urus Martan, a town which were necessary, but should not be held until after the withdrawal of Russian troops

powerful Russian brigades would remain. The participation in talks of the ruthless federal commander in Grozny, General Vya cheslav Tikinomirov, suggests that the military has endorsed

the deal, although it was an assassination attempt on one of his predecessors which scuppered the last truce. The main obstacles to the deal are likely to be the rebels' continuing goal of independence, which Mr Yeltsin and other candidates have

ruled out, and the determination of Mr Zavgayev's regime to hold on to power. At the weekend his govern-

ment, effectively frozen out of the talks, accused the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe delega-tion in Grozny of pro-rebel bias. The OSCE has been instrumental in building trust between the separatists and

Moscow An ominous sign of the tensions among the Chechens came last week with the assassination of the mayor of

had tried to keep both rebels and Russian soldiers out

Turkish gag . . . Representatives of non-governmental organisations attending the United Nations 'Habitat' conference In Istanbul protest yesterday at the arrest of scores of local human rights activists last Saturday PhotoGraph: ENRIC MARTI

nise such an operation. He be- lieves the most likely option is to use one of the new mobile headquarters being created by Nato to deploy "combined joint task forces". • The prime ministers of Canada and France, Jean Chrètien and Alain Juppé, said yesterday it might be nec- essary to extend the mandate of peacekeeping forces in Bos- nia beyond the end of Decem- ber and in Haiti beyond the end of this month. — Reuter.	insurance, our own Britannia Rescue breakdown service and entry to our camping and cara- van parks - to name bur a few, If you think you may be eligible call us today, quoting NGD2. It's worth your while, FREEPHONE 0800669944
old 'vital national interest' to justify a veto. "The veto could be a matter left for the twice-a-year sum- mits of EU heads of govern- ment, or alternatively we could have a system where a	Please send me more information on the benefits of the GSAIA. Title

national interest case for a veto would be subject to the approval of other member Flease specife past or present Civil Service Departs

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Britain targets foreign 'quota-hoppers' and digs in heels on cuts in fishing fleet

Bonino, as "good guys" for

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Stephen Bates in Brussels

BRITAIN opened a second front in its confrontation other nations had been sold fishing rights by British fish-ermen but claimed: "Fishing with Europe yesterday when the Fisheries Minister. Tony is not part of the single mar-ket. We have national guotas Baldry, warned the European Commission at a meeting in and they should be for national fishermen." Luxembourg that there was no chance of the Government agreeing a 40 per cent cut in the size of the British fishing The European Commis-sion's attempt to cut the size of member states' fishing

of member states tishing fleets in order to preserve fish stocks has provoked opposi-tion from other member states, especially the Dutch and the Irish, and the issue will not be decided before authors at the earliest fleet Mr Baldry targeted his annovance at so-called "quota-hopping" boats with foreign crews and owners, which have registered in Britain and are qualified to catch a share of British quotas. autumn at the earliest. Spain, Portugal and Den-mark – described by the fish-eries commissioner, Emma

The Government is still smarting from a recent ruling by the European Court of Justice which ordered it to pay compensation to such boats after ruling that attempts to stop them fishing from Brit-

returning to port to land our

tion targets — also want the proposed cuts modified. "The stocks situation is ain were illegal. Mr Baldry accused Spanishthat dramatic, sharp fleet reductions are needed ... it's an extremely sensitive sub-ject. said an Italian owned vessels of "masquerading" as British and described the common fisheries policy diplomat. The Commission is basing its plans on the tonnages of fishing fleets and says it as crazy, adding: We have the ludicrous situation of Spanish boats with Spanish crews and Spanish skippers leaving Spanish ports to fish waters and then

fish. It comes off the British | lands favour a cut in "fishing quota not their own. It has to | effort", limiting the number of days vessels spent at sea, e stopped. It cannot go on

The minister admitted that rather than a reduction in capacity, because this would allow vessels to benefit from any recovery in stocks. Ms Bonino warned two weeks ago that scientific estimates suggest that some types

of fish face extinction if cur-rent rates of catching continue. Brussels is angry with Britain for not decommissioning

its fleet, as agreed in the early 1990s, quickly enough, which means that the 40 per cent cuback over six years is larger than it would other-wise have been. The Govern-

ment argues that it was waiting for a court judgment on quotas before steaming ahead with paying off the boats. Mr Baldry described the latest proposals as wholly unacwholly ceptable and

unsustainable. About 20 per cent of the British fleet is foreign owned but, because the vessels tend to be larger and more modern, they take a dispropor tionately large share of the quota: nearly half the hake catch, a third of mackerel.

44 per cent of plaice and wants to preserve smaller | 18 per cent of sole. coastal boats. Britain and the Nother- Leader comment, page 8

## Vetoes hasten two-tier EU

fight against international

crime. This would be in addi-

tion to monetary union and

lie social chapter of the

Maastricht treaty, where Brit-ain has already opted out.

The French- and German

led drive for a European de-

John Palmer in Luxembourg

WELVE of Britain's 14 European Union partners are ready to join a hard core grouping committed to closer integration in key areas of foreign policy, defence and internal security - if necessary without the UK. EU legal experts are work-

ing on schemes which would allow an inner group of countries to operate their own decision-making system within the European Union's treaty, with use of national vetos more restricted.

A confidential report on the Maastricht review conference given to leaders of the European Parliament yesterday confirms Britain's almost total isolation over the future

of the EU in advance of next week's Florence summit. Inslead of trying to per-suade Downing Street to agree to closer political union, the other governments are working towards the goal of "flexible integration". The idea is that countries

willing to do so would move foreign and security policy, as only if reforms agreed last that the US would still have pects of well as aspects of defence and week to boost the Europe- an effective veto. - Reuter, immigration.

Although Paris and Bonn ccept that responsibility for erminental conference, said yesterday. "The French and directing such operations should at present fall to the Western European Union the Germans more or less the so-called European pillar agree now that countries of Nato - they want the EU should not be able to cite any

### Gaullists 'giving in to US' on Nato

ANCE'S Socialist oppo-sition accused the Gauli-ist-led government yester-day of selling out to the United States by agreeing to residu Nate fully.

to reioin Nato fully. However, the foreign minister, Herve de Charette, said Paris would rejoin the military wing it left in proto greater majority voting in | test at US dominance in 1966 | Paul Quiles, complained

mitted themselves on what would amount to a European were implemented. Nato ministers agreed last week to allow Euro-pean allies to use Nato equipment and resources for security operations where the US chose not to get involved. But a former Socialist dofence minister security union - along the lines of the present two-tier monetary union - they are expected to agree. That would leave just Britain out-side a core group committed to monetary union, a future Socialist defence minister, security and defence union, and closer integration on usthat the US would still have pects of justice and

fence union follows Nato agreement to transfer its resources for possible use in European-run peacekeeping and other security missions. Although Period a burgeth definition of the litalian government, which chairs the Maastricht treaty inter-gov.

key internal policies, such as gradually to integrate the old vital national interest immigration, asylum and the WEU.

This runs counter to Brit.

ain's insistence on the auton-

omy of the WEU, and its oppo-

sition to even a long-term goal of an EU defence union. But most EU countries appear

ready to move in stages to

this objective on their own.

states. In too many cases in the past the national interest has been cited to justify blocking progress on even minor and technical issues.



decade, they also see it as a way of bypassing British

Although neutral Austria

and Ireland have not yet com-

obstruction.

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## **WORLD NEWS 7**

## **Crunch day** for rivals in Bangladesh

Arshad Mahmud in Dhaica

ANGLADESH goes to the polls tomorrow for the second time in four months for what could be the ultimate showdown between two women whose feud has con-vulsed the country for two

If Begunn Khaleda Zia, the former prime minister, or her rival, Shelkh Hasina Wajed, refuse to accept the people's verdict, then Bangladesh has little hope of closing the chap-ter on an era of conflict. Polling will be watched by 40.000 soldiers and an army of If Begum Khaleda Zia, the

40,000 soldiers and an army of General Hossain Mohammed election observers. Police Ershad, could then hold the have set up checkpoints in Dhaka to look for guns and bombs

bombs. The election commissioner, Abu Hena, believes the day will pass off fairly peacefully, although some 15 people have been killed in campaign vio-lence. "I am very confident that we will be able to hold a credible election this time." credible election this time," he said.

he said. That was not the case in February when Mrs Zia pressed ahead with a general election despite a boycott by Sheikh Hasina's Awami League and the other main opposition parties, who ar-gued that free and fair elec-tions were only possible tions were only possible under a caretaker govern-ment. The vote was widely seen as a sham.

Sheikha Hasina resumed her strike campaign soon after the February vote. Fear-ing more violence, Mrs Zia gave way. She stapped aside for an administration headed polls.

by a former judge, and elec-tions were called. But the opposition is still wary. "Beware of the thieves who stole votes in the last elections." Sheikh Hasina that

## Mongolia counts cost of blazes

| nearly all the fires are under Firefighters were control. Those that remain ill-prepared for fires are burning across an 80-mile front in the Lake Hovegol

told a recent campaign

In retaliation, Mrs Zia threatened a boycott after acthreatened a boycott after ac-clising her rivals of trying to rig the polls. "Vote for the Bangladesh Nationalist Party to save the country from a di-saster," she told her final campaign raily last night. Although the Awami League is narrowly ahead in a League is narrowly ahead in a poll conducted by the Power

balance of power along with the religious Jamaat-e-Islami. Beneath the political rivalry, and the heavy toll it has taken of hopes of modest economic progress in Bangla-desh, lies the fear that the military may grow impatient with the civilian politicians with the civilian politicians. Bangladesh returned to ci-vilian rule only after the elec-tion of 1991 — which most ob-servers regarded as fair — having been ruled by generals for much of the 25 mer show for much of the 25 years since independence.

Late last month, the prospect of a showdown with the military loomed after President Abdur Rahman Biswas, a BNP member, sacked the army chief, accusing him of politicising the force. The fear of a return to military rule has now subsided, but it remains uncertain whether Bangladesh can put its turbu-lent past behind with these

**Concern grows about human rights in Tunisia** "I'm not doubtful about whether the election would be free and fair," said Bjorn

Sternby, the Swedish ambas-sador. "Tm more concerned GROWING body of evidence that independent comment is being supabout what happens after pressed in Tunisia is threat-

ening to blacken the image of the Mediterranean tourist destination, whose govern-ment claims to be above the abuses that characterise much of the Arab world.

While Tunis has angrily rejected a recent European Parliament declaration of concern over civil rights

ce of press freedom.

based Arab Institute of restrictions in the country, a series of azamples spanning the past six months lends sup-port to concerns over harass-ment of government critics and their families and the ab-mising documents, on the past six months lends sup-ment of government critics and the airport to France to attend a meeting.

On May 23, the day MEPs passed their resolution, the president of the International being freed on May 14. Another group, the long-es-tablished Tunisian League for Federation of Human Rights, Human Rights, has suffered persistent bounding by the authorities, who have tried to pack it with government sym-Patrick Baudoin, was bundled on to the next plane back to Paris after arriving in Tunis. Labelled an "undesirable" and accused of "provocative behaviour" by state-con-trolled media, Mr Baudoin had hoped to discuss the pathisers despite its status as a private body.

On May 21, the league won a court case through which the interior ministry was tryhuman rights situation with Tunisia's political leaders. A formight earlier, the ex-ecutive director of the Tunising to compel it to accept members it did not want. But according to the authoritative London-based Arabic news-paper al-Hayat, people associ-ated with the league continue

to be intimidated. Three former league offi-cials — Al-Munisif al-Mar-souqi, Mustapha ben Jaafar

was held for four days before | all banned from travelling being freed on May 14. outside Tunisia, al-Hayat reports.

The newspaper also says writer and journalist living in France whose "views are the only form his radicalism takes" — has had his French

passport seized by the Tuni-sian embassy in Paris. It adds that none of the people mentioned in its report are Islamists. He turned it in at the em-

bassy as part of renewal for-malities on April 2. Later he was told his application had been refused. The passport has not been returned, al-Hayat says — adding that none of the people mentioned they had seized a briefcase containing documents con-necting him with Libys and

In another case, the Inter- Mr Mouada would probably national Commission of Ju- qualify for the Guinness Book qualify for the Guinness Book of Records: radical Arab rists (IJC) and Amnesty International lodged protests over the jailing for 11 years of the head of Tunisia's main legal groups can testify that Tripoli's rhetoric and promises rarely translate into thou-sands of dollars, let alone opposition party on charges of being a Libyan agent. Both organisations say the million

"millions of dollars". If true, harassment, the LJC claims

Mr Mouada's crime appears to have been to publish an open letter to President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali criticising restrictions on Tunisia's six charges and evidence against Mohammed Mouada were fab-ricated. A literature professor who is president of the Move-

opposition parties. The IJC has also con-demned a "cruel campaign of ment of Democratic Social-ists, Mr Mouada is the gov-ernment's most vociferous critic. He admits sympathies for Libya, but insists his inno-cence and patriotism. persecution" — including de-tention — baing waged against Khemais al-Sham-The authorities claimed mari, an MP of Mr Mouada's party. Mr Shammari's wife, Alya, a defence lawyer in the



Hizbollah strikes . . . An injured Israeli soldier is flown out of occupied south Lebanon. Five Israelis were killed and six wounded in a guerrilla ambush.

officials said that up to one which devasted the fifth of Mongolia's coniferous north, reports

Patrick Tyler in-Honin Nuga

T WAS the job of a leather; wildlife ranger named Myagmarsuren to protect the conifer forests draped across the low mountains.

And so on May 14, when he saw the first puffs of white smoke over the ridge from his cabin, he jumped on his pony and rode all afternoon to the nearest telegraph operator to raise the alarm

By the time he got back, the valley was an inferro.

"For 17 straight days and nights. I fought the fire with only two or three hours of sleep each day," he said outside his cabin, which stands in a valley around 140 miles north of the Mongolian capital. Ulan Bator. Above and be hind him are charred forests.

"People came on horseback to help fight the fire," said Myagmarsuren, who like many Mongols uses only one name. "Even prisoners came from the prison to help, and some people had no better tools than boughs cut from the trees to beat the flames."

chain saws, 34 shovels, rakes and 23 axes. After a winter of precious little snow, raging firestorms began in March and contin-ued throughout the spring across northern Mongolia. The fires are the worst civil defence officials can remember.

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So far 26 people have died and nearly 300 nomads have been injured or rendered shelterless by the blazes. About 7,800 head of livestock have been killed and tele-phone links to dozens of settlements were destroyed as fires scorched more than 23 million acres, an area greater than Scotland.

In one eastern settlement, 16 people perished at once when a wall of flame incinerated their collection of yurts, the traditional dwelling tents

of the steppe. Now, the worst appears to be over

Civil defence authorities said last week that after three-and-a-half months | York Times.



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distributor's office wearing an instant-charisma fedora. He shakes hands and asks for an ashtray. "I'm going to smoke you out of here" he threatens.

human rights in Tunisla, he and Sharm ben Sadrein — are in its report are Islamists.

#### forest had been ravaged by the fires. Grassland will Land rush crushes peasants who survived so much regenerate this year, but only after weeks of rainfall. Until then herds are in danger, ex-perts say- The forests will

Mozambique's government is granting huge concessions to the Frelimo party elite, writes **Andrew Meldrum** in Maputo

Pulling weeds from her scrubby patch of manioc, Julieta Cossa lots of papers who told us we no longer had the right to the land. He told us to get off the land, " said Ms Cossa. "A tractor came and signed and pointed down the hillside to a fertile green swath of land. "That was our land, the land of our ancestors," she tore up all our crops. We were chased away. The gov-enment administrator told said. "We grew several different crops there. We had plenty to eat and some prous we no longer had rights to the land." ince to sell. Now that land The community was asis fenced off and we can't even visit our family cemesigned another plot but then was forced off by a

tery. We are stuck here, on "white South African" who this rocky hillside." Ms Cossa, aged 33, recounted the plight of her said he had bought the land. Now they have settled on the stony hillside. "We rural community of Um-pals — nearly 100 families have scattered plots on marginal land and our that once farmed the rich work as a co-operative is paralysed," said Ms Cossa. valley in the Boane district The plight of the Umpala community is being mir-rored throughout Mozamof southern Mozambique. After surviving Portuguese colonial rule and a 15-year civil war, the community planned to expand its farmbique as the three-year-old peace fuels a land-rush by ing, and as a co-operative bought pipes to pump river water for irrigation.

"Then a man came with | nities, the Frelimo government has granted huge con-cessions of land to party leaders and well-conne businessmen, according to

many land experts. The land-grab is the final tarnishing of Frelimo's once glowing reputation for actcopie. It appears the once

Marxist party has aban-doned all pretence of working to improve the lot of its impoverished majority.

"The government said it would protect the poor," said Ms Cossa. "Instead, it is giving land to people who have pumps, who have trucks and tractors. Th are rich people and they should develop other areas that are not already settled."

Mozambigue, ranked by the World Bank as the AFRICA foreign and local develop-ers. Far from defending the rights of the rural commu-of arable land, only 10 per

the 2.5 million peasant fam-ilies who make up 80 per In addition, Mozambique's small farmers are credited cent of Mozambique's with producing 60 per cent

17 million people. Emerging from 15 years of the country's export crops of cashews, cotton and coconut (copra). of a war in the rural areas, the peasants have tripled their maize production to All land is owned by the state. Rural communities 934,000 tonnes, enough to have rights of occupancy meet the country's needs.

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granted by regulos, tradi-tional authorities. But the state can grant concessions TANZANIA for the use of land, which the Frelimo government is doing to attract develop-ment. The government is reforming the confusing Pemba MALAWI land law and a national conference was held last week to suggest amend-

ents to the legislation. Eduardo Mondiane Univer-"The conference sucsity. eded in introducing several measures to strengthe

go before parliament and we will see if Frelimo will pass it or change it."

By its strongly anti-peasant stance at the confer-ence, it appears certain Frewill limo protection for the rural communities. Joao Fereira, a Frelimo member of parliament and a former agriculture minister, told the conference: "Why should we reserve 20 million hectares for poor people who

don't even pay taxes?" He said many party officials were granted land concessions which they used as capital in joint ventures with foreign and local developers.

ments to the registration. "The new law should rec-ognise effective occupancy of land by the rural people," said Jose Negrao, director of the Land Study Group of Marcon the legal wrangling, Ms Cossa said she hoped her community would be restored to its traditional land. "We pray that we can get our land back. We hope to hear on the radio that we protection of peasants' will get our land back."

the logistics of equipping and feeding the teams have constantly broken down. A third of firefighters did not even News in brief report for duty because of low

y and poor morale. A lack of readiness was cer Four dead after Naples hydrofoil hits rocks tainly the problem in Honin Nuga, where the surrounding mountains are still smouldering, evidence of the inferno which is gradually succumb ing to summer rains that

take much longer. In many respects, the dam-age seems incalculable, Rural

supplies of fuel, food and money have been drastically depleted and the summer

planting season seriously disrupted.

In a Western country.

similar disaster would prompt a nationwide mobili-

sation. But in Mongolia, still

recovery, the total firefight

ing arsenal consists of 16 truck-mounted water pumps,

153 backpack water pumps, 10-

'For 17 days and

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Poor communications have

hampered firefighters, and

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began last week. Myagmarsuren hopes even many others. tually to have a two-way radio in his candlelit cabin so he can call for help more

quickly. "My job is to fight calamities, and this was the first one of my career," he said. "My dream would be that I would not have to ride a horse so far,

just to communicate. We need something better." - New governors

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ATTOROFOIL packed with | towards the port of Naples a | man - from the water. Most few miles away. Officials said of the passengers were struck rocks and capsized of the evacuation of the ship was | treated by medical crews on small island in the Bay of relatively orderly, with pas-Naples yesterday, killing at sengers and crew having time least four people and injuring to put on life-jackets before it turned over.

The ferry had about 167 pas-The survivors swam to engers and crew on board shore or were picked up by when it hit rocks in thick fog fishing boats. Divers recov-ff the island of Procida at ered the bodies of four elderly off the island of Procida at about 8.45 am as it headed Italians - three women and a coastal resorts. - Reuter.

of the German Trade Union the dockside and at the is Federation (DGB), warned yesterday that more than land's small hospital. The hydrofoil was operated

by the SNAV ferry company which runs regular service between Naples and the is-lands of Capri, Ischia and Propost-war Germany". cida, as well as popular

#### Rwanda fires | EU states divided over quotas for foreign television shows

EUROPEAN UNION Countries will today try HE Rwandan government has sacked the governors of two insurgency-hit regions to agree rules on television bordering Zaire and Burundi, broadcasting but appear split over the most controofficials said yesterday. versial issue — quotas on Both were Hutus, the ma jority tribe which unleashed foreign shows. the genocide of minority Tu-Italy is likely to delay an agreement on quotas when sis and Hutu moderates in

1994. But diplomats said they EU culture ministers meet were both replaced by Hutus. in Luxembourg to discuss In a departure from the offithe plan, an EU spokesman, Juan Roldán, said. BU officials said Italy's cial line that the situation in Rwanda is stable, one of the

new government appeared governors, Theobold Rutito be taking a harder line hunza, last month told aid agencies that security was close to that of France which had sought to spell worsening --- Reuter.

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European broadcasts. France also wants to make it difficult for television companies to beam into one member country from another to avoid local broadcast rules. The French also want pay-per

view services covered by Guropean content roles. Sweden and Finland, meanwhile, are seeking stronger limitations on the advertising of alcohol, and on advertising which tar

gets children. — AP.

#### Workers unite doctors said. The official news against Bonn

#### agency APP put the death toil at eight. There were no imme-Dieter Schülte, the chairman

diate claims of responsi bility. - Reuter.

#### Oxford link cut

200,000 workers would demon-A group of Hong Kong civil strate against a government austerity plan in "the most powerful union protest in servants are to break with Morning Post reported yester-day. Until now, senior civil The rally on Saturday in

Boun is intended as the climax of more than a month of servants were trained at protests against plans to cut Oxford University but in social spending and employ-ment rights in an effort to September about 15 of them will attend the University of tackle a soaring budget deficit Michigan. - Reuter. and combat high unemploy-

#### **Pregnancy toll**

Complications during pres-**Slovenia rewarded** nancy or childbirth are Slovenia was rewarded yes-terday for distancing itself from the Yugoslav conflict by among the leading causes of death among women in developing countries. claiming being given an association agreement with the European Union, which promises trade and economic incentives, and about 1,600 lives a day, a new study by Unicef, the World **Health** Organisation and Johns Hopkins University has said. — Reuter. immediately applied for full EU membership. - Reuter.

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**Blasts hit Punjab** Iran, apparently seeking to reverse a fall in non-oll ex-ports, has authorised the ex-At least six people were killed and 48 wounded in three bomb explosions - including one which wrecked a bus - in the port of 30,000 donkeys the daily Kayhan newspaper Pakistani province of Punjab | reported yesterday. - Reuter.

yesterday, police and hospital | Detainee asks Jiang for for freedom

A SENIOR Chinese official Areleased last month servants are to mean the imposed after the 1959 pro-tradition and train in the imposed after the 1959 pro-United States instead of in democracy protests ap-united States could be south China pealed yesterday to the from a seven-year jail term Communist Party chief, Jiang Zemin, to free him from house arrest.

Bao Tong, aged 63, was freed from prison on May 27 and has since been held under house arrest at a dormitory of the State Council, or cabinet, on Beijing's western outskirts.

"Sitting in jail in Qin-cheng prison, there was a limit ... sitting in a cage in the Western hills, there is no limit," he wrote.

The former aide to ex-Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang mailed 30 copies of his letter to senior party officials.

"To upbold the solemnity of the law, I earnestly request the party and state leaders to instruct the relevant authorities to recitly this illegal action," he said. - Reuter.

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## **Opening the peace gate**

A renewed ceasefire is still the key to success

BRITISH politicians and public opinion | London and Dublin last year, the most should not take pleasure from the shutting of the gates against Gerry Adams yesterday. There is a tendency in this country, following all the IRA bombs and the Sinn Fein evasions, to want to see Mr Adams and his colleagues taken down a peg or three. That tendency is very understandable in its way, but it is politically short-sighted. The goal for which British policy over Northern Ireland has been aiming ever since 1993 has been to see Mr Adams come walking-through the gates, not to have them barred against him yet again. Yester-day put the clock back to the politics of the long years before 1993 which in the end solved nothing. Yesterday was not a victory but a setback.

Yet it was a setback rather than a disaster. The talks which began yesterday, amidst considerable posturing on all sides, are on a wider and more hopeful basis than those which have gone before. There has not been a time when quite so many of the real players in Northern Ireland have been willing to gather under one roof. To see the British and the Irish governments working so closely together lends genuine strength to the rest of the process. It was important too that Ian Paisley, who represents more people in Northern Ireland than Sinn Fein, did not carry out his threat to boycott the discussions (even though he may very easily do so in future); his Democratic Unionists should be inside the process not outside. The presence of the new loyalist parties, the Progressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic Party, was an important new step in Northern Ireland talks as well.

The substance of the talks is also more firmly based than it would have the gates against Mr Adams. A resumpbeen had the peace process not taken place. Three points cannot be dismissed. First, the meat of the agenda is in our interests to try to help that come the Framework Document produced by about.

substantive blueprint for an equitable and democratic compromise settlement of the Northern Ireland question to have emerged in the last quarter of a century. Only the most pessimistic of pessimists would dismiss it as a basis for future progress. Second, the IRA may have chosen to remain at war, but the agenda now also includes, for the first time, the prospect of substantive multilateral steps towards the disarmament and decommissioning of the Ulster conflict. That has not happened in earlier talks either. Third, the responsibility for resolving the dispute is now more solidly internationalised than it ever was before. The 1992 talks broke down over exactly this question; now there is a three-person chairing team under George Mitchell, all with a proven record in this field, who together offer a better chance of progress than some of the more ambitious notions on which earlier talks have foundered.

None of this is to fudge the real failure which Sinn Fein's non-involvement represents. This stage of the peace process was predicated upon Sinn Fein's presence under ceasefire conditions, and that ought still to be the case. Nothing is more desirable in Northern Ireland than the restoration of that ceasefire. It ought to be a priority for the two governments to find ways of helping to achieve that goal on a principled basis, and no politician should be too proud to explore all the ways of doing it. Even now, there is still a case for harnessing the enormous popular support for the peace process to put pressure on the IRA. The end of the ceasefire was the event which locked tion would turn the key to open those gates once more. It is overwhelmingly



British Energy is being sold for a quick financial fix

IN AN ideal world someone should be | massive gift from the public to the able to take out an injunction to pre-Drivate sector. What is not clear from yesterday's prospectus is whether all the potential liabilities of BE - especially decommissioning costs and the multi-billion-pound bill for getting rid of spent fuel - have been privatised as well as the assets. BE is a highly speculative investment even without all this, since success involves BE running its ageing AGRs for longer than originally planned at high levels of utilisation without problems (of a kind encountered in the recent past) which around £1.5 billion. Even if £700 million force them to be taken out of service. Other presumptions are that electricity prices don't fall by more than 5 per cent (which they could quite easily do) and that inflation doesn't rise significantly. Two crucial questions remain unanswered. First, why is it necessary to privatise a company fraught with such dends this year (double its expected serious environmental problems. whose future strategy is geared to diusual 50 per cent) in order to bribe versifying away from its sole product (nuclear power) when nearly all utilitry whose inherent risks demand longties have proved to be inept at diversifiterm thinking. Last year's profit of £30 cation? Second, even if a case could be made, why the hurry? With huge ins and write-offs totalling more than £3 amounts of the taxpayers' money at versial off-balance sheet items like the stake and potentially catastrophic disposal problems, no time should have been spared to ensure that this sale was not only clean but seen to be clean. Instead everything has been rushed to of the ageing Magnox stations. get the sale completed before the elec-Friends of the Earth has made some tion so the Treasury can get a quick financial fix, leaving subsequent adment and Magnox Electric involves a ministrations to pick up the tab.



### Letters to the Editor **Birt's world disservice**

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Simon Kahn.

105 Charlton Church Lane, London SE7 7AB.

SHARE John Tusa's con-cern with the latest Birtian T is often said that the BBC World Service (A mission to destroy, June 10) is shake-up of its news service. the only institution in this country of which we can today be proud. Perhaps this The news and analysis properior to the dreary, domestic preoccupations of Radio 4's Today. For those of us who is because it has different roots from the domestic ing in Spain or Sri Lanka, and In its early days as the European Service during the don't care whether Tony Blair smacks his kids, I say to second world war, new sub-editors were told over and John Birt, leave Newshour over never to forget that their alone job was "to give had news honestly and good news soberly". This was a hard principle to follow when all Tunbridge Wells. (Dr) Alan Bullion. Flat 7, Oak House, the news was bed, but when | Kent TN2 3AW. the news was finally of vic-

Something of that belief is still around and what the World Service broadcasts and some of the reorganisatoday is still widely held to be tions over the past years the "truth"; but what may not be so widely known is the ap-parent conviction of many in this country that it is to be preferred to the BBC's domesmake good sense. But many seem absurd to the programme-makers themselves - such as a studio manager who had to record a pro-gramme "down the line" in ic news service. Why then, Glasgow during last year's Edinburgh Festival, unable to get a fresh blank tape because for beaven's sake, is it now proposed to place World Service news and current affairs under the direction of the BBC's domestic service? They they could be signed for only by the producer, who was

are two different animals. If with the artists in Edinburgh. the World Service loses its separate identity, it will By separating the pro-

#### God and science, each with their fundamental truths

enfranchised and the commis sioners may become as plifies the sterility of modern discussions of religion in remote from the programme makers as the new managers society, as seen in bewildered laments about irrationality and some ancestral need to believa. Why does it always have to be a choice between

AMONG the advantages John Birt expects to fol-low from his new, overscience or religion, as if there was no other way possible? We urgently require a new paradigm which can accom-modate both. The key is the serious and open scientific investigation worked bureaucracy, never once has be mentioned origi-nality. He speaks instead of giving the licence-payers of some forms of paranormal phenomena, and the accep-

more of what they want. As a famous French fashion de-signer once said, "If you give people what they want, they will already have had it." tance that some of these phenomena are real, together with a re-examination of reli-As a winner of several gions starting from the idea awards for radio drama, I am also disturbed by Birt's talk that they are human con-structs which were nevertheof future savings to the corpoless in their distant origins an ration. Like all other art forms, radio drama is the attempt to describe paranormal happenings. Bill Trumble. product of a passionate act. There is absolutely no pas-56 Five Mile Drive,

sion in the BBC's radio drama Oxford. department as it currently manifests itself to its writers, only answering machines. A whole art form is in danger, for there is nowhere else to go, anywhere in the world, to make the marvellous

Birt out

things we can make. Someone we suffer because we are

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Buddhism takes as its very

starting point the fact of suf-

fering. The Buddha's first teaching was the reality and

all-pervasiveness of suffering. He explained the cause of suf-

fering (ignorance) and how one can, by following a spiri-

MARK LAWSON (God is yourd suffering (nirvana). Of not dead, June 10) exem-course, Richard Dawkins would not agree. But attempt-ing to explain religious experience to such a fundamentalrainbow to a man with monochrome vision. Paul Davies.

WE LIVE in a country with a state religion and this schools and social life in genthe national psyche and many non-believers are unwilling to give any hostages to fortune by telling even the most respectable of opinion poll-sters that they don't believe in fairies. If anything, the Hu-manist/Mori figure of 43 per cant freethinkers is too low.

S MARE Lawson serious in saying that "religion cannot explain the suffering"? Chris-tianity has a perfectly good explanation of suffering, that it is the consequence of sin:

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tual path, arrive at a state be- Gravesend, Kent.

ist materialist is like trying to describe the colours of the 35 Harrowdene Road, Bristol BS4 2JL

sense of freedom. Jobs, status, official positions, places at eral can be put at risk by not going along with the "Church parade effect". It is deep in (Dr) Peter Rowland.

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ANY SURVEY on the exis-tience of God prompted by the British Humanist Associ-ation could and should be

viewed with some suspicion.

That association could hardly be regarded as neutral on the

subject of the Creator, and Mori polls cannot be regarded as being anything like 100 per

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vent yesterday's privatisation of British Energy (BE) from taking place until an independent body like the Audit Commission has worked out just how much the taxpayer is being taken for a ride. As it stands the prospectus for the sale of Britain's entire nuclear energy industry (minus the unsellable Magnox stations) is a monument to shorttermism and impenetrable financial engineering. BE is expected to be sold for of debt transfer is added in, this still amounts to less than the cost of the company's last nuclear station, Sizewell B (not that it shows any signs of want-ing to build another nuclear station in the foreseeable future). BE intends to pay out nearly £100 million in diviprofits this year instead of the more punters with a quick profit in an indusmillion was itself the residual of writebillion even before considering contro-(only recently revealed) £3.7 billion transfer from the Government to Magnox Electric, the state-owned custodian

serious allegations that the triangular relationship betwen BE, the Govern-

### **15 parrot cries aren't a policy**

If the EU didn't exist, fishing policies would have invented it

system in which defence of national

rights is seen as more important than

collective international problem-solv-

ing. The fundamental fact about the fish

in our seas is that there are fewer and

fewer of them. Stocks of mackerel, her-

ring and sole are being rapidly and

perhaps terminally depleted. Fifteen

national governments will argue from

now until kingdom come unless there is

an international body with sufficient

That is why it falls to the Commission

to propose the only policy which is good

for the long-term health of Europe's

fishing industry. Thank goodness for the European Commission. It speaks for

the wider interest of Europe and its

seas. Without it, a deal could of course

be struck, but it would be a much less

authority to force them to cooperate.

THOSE who insist that Europe should | inevitable structural limitations of a only be a continent of nation states and we shall hear a lot about that today in the Commons from Bill Cash ought to think about what happened in Luxembourg yesterday. The occasion was a meeting of EU fisheries ministers, who had gathered to discuss the European Commission's proposal to cut up to 40 per cent of the union's fishing fleet over the next six years in order to preserve threatened stocks.

One by one, the fisheries ministers said their pieces. In every single instance, the message was Not Me, Guv. Fifteen times, in 15 different ways, ministers explained that overfishing is something that other countries' fishing industries do. Each minister said that his or her own national fleets should not be cut. If there were to be cuts they should be borne by the others.

desirable one for Europe. A Europe of Opening bids in a long negotiation nation states, in other words, is simply these may be, but they are also the not enough.

wither away. Monica Wilson 6 Garway Road. London W2 4NH

What a drag

APROPOS Hugo Young's ris's attempts to buy respect ability (Commentary, June 6) I was struck by a similar instance on a recent visit to Hadrian's Villa at Tivoli, just outside Rome. There among the magnificent monuments, the information boards each carried a large corporate credit and logo. I was sur-prised that the Italian authorities had been unwise or hard-up enough to permit this thinly veiled advertising to intrude within such an im portant site. The sponsor Philip Morris. David Gentleman. 25 Gloucester Crescent, London NW1 7DL.

HOW could Maggie Brown (The Square Window, June 5) call Playdays limp, and how dare the BBC scrap it." My two year-old daughter reacted with horror, wailing "Don't say that, I like Playbus," through her tears. The time will come when Poppy, Peggy and Whybird will be revered as the cultural icons they are. Simon Staniforth. Jain Randall.

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letters, and a telephone number We may edil letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. Ve regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.

Seven Kings. Ilford, Essex IG3 9BD. SOME small and faintly pa-thetic banners for Euro 96 have been placed along the North Circular Road and rather oddly in the circum-stances, as the sports pages? Catherine Barmhy. feeder roads around Wem-bley. Yet the very expensive 1 North Hill. new lamp-posts in Oxford London N6.

#### Listening to the distant voices of schizophrenia

76 Tavistock Gardens.

NO ONE would argue that argue that it can be managed. They show clearly there are no standard answers — while some people clearly value conventional would benefit both the indi-vidual and society as a whole treatments including ECT. others have found greater (Positive thoughts for nega-tive minds, Society, June 5). But is containment with medibenefit from developing personal coping strategies. These range from "talking treat-ments" to developing spirication the only answer? Last September a group of mental-health-service users tual dimensions to their lives. We can only move the deworking on behalf of the Men-tal Health Foundation began a bate forward on how best to treat severe mental illness survey of other UK users on when we consult such people the treatments and therapies on the treatments and therathey feel work best. Nearly 400 have responded, most of pies they feel best alleviate their symptoms - and listen whom have experienced en-during mental illnesses such Jane McKerrow. as | ch | ab

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from the commissioning and David Cregan. scheduling operation, a con-siderable wealth of experi-enced BBC staff will feel dis-Hatfield, Herts AL10 8TX.



#### Fans' net loss at Euro 96

PLEASED as I am to see Street, with fittings purpos football coming home, I made for large banners, ar made for large banners are am disgusted to see that home currently empty. Far more Euro 96 and other foreign vissupporters are being priced out of coming to matches (Supporters are forced into itors will visit Oxford Street than any other street in the country. Couldn't the FA and Westminster City Council get penalty area, June 8). The evidence is there to see from the their act together and get some banners up before the tournament has progressed televised games this weekend huge areas of seats empty.

Old Trafford must have had too far! its lowest attendance all season, simply because of the or-ganisers' greed. We all know that there are enough sup-J Grant. Flat 4. 11 Sandwell Crescent, porters out there to fill every London NW6. ground from end to end, but the prices asked exclude the vast majority.

AS the month-long festival of lager-drinking, ma-chismo and jingoistic flag-waving, otherwise known as Euro 96, gets underway, could we have a promise that foot-ball coverage in the Guardian will be confined exclusively to what are still known

### **A Country Diary**

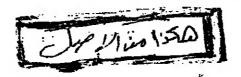
than non-hybrids.

CHESHIRE: The steep road-side embankment behind the old brickworks site is car-peted with sheets of Birds-foot Trefoll, many of the bright yellow flowers being flushed with red from which the plant gets one of its folk-names -Eggs and bacon. In all, more than 70 "local" names have been recorded for this com-mon member of the Peaflower family from member to the THE automatic linking of schizophrenia with vio-lence made in this article does a great disservice to the family, from references to the family, from references to the flowers such as "Grand-mother's slippers", to names for the pods — which can look like fingers, toes, or claws — such as Gord Almichtvice majority of people diagnosed with schizophrenia who are not violent but on whom the fall-out — the public's accep-tance that they should be "controlled with some form of such as God Almighty's thumb and finger, Crow-toe, medication" — lands. Psychiatric drugs can in-deed be valuable, but their sometimes "zombifying" efand Cat's claws. On the em-bankment it is the main foodplant of the Common Blue butterfly and several males have already emerged, busily fects can have a devastating impact on general health and quality of life. Medication has a role, but it is no substitute patrolling their patches, wait-ing for the first females to appear. Butterfly numbers The early arrivals will lay for all the other elements of appear. Butterity numbers the carty attivats will ay have improved during the past two weeks, with all three of the Common Whites now of the Common Whites now Small

Biologists play the race card A LTHOUGH Dr Maurice Bradley (Letters, June 10) may think that "the word race implies a history of ho Gordhart. Gonville & Caius College, mogeneous and fundamentally separate 'races', that under-pins beliefs in racial superior-Cambridge CB2 1TA WHAT is important is to realise that the variety of races — of homo sapiens for ity", this is not how the word is used by biologists. For them races, as opposed to subspecies, are recognisably difexample - is a function of the climatic and environmental ferent groups, which are illdefined precisely because they are able freely to interdifferences that occur on our planet and not a dehumanis breed. Subspecies, although ing excuse to grade into superior or inferior. Otherwise our own majority race in Britthey can interbreed, have some biological or genetical ain, the Caucasians, could easily be dismissed as neu-rotic, invasive, destructively impediment in doing so, with the hybrids, even if not sterile mules, less viable or fertile indulgent, belligerent, and cu-Human races are often so different that they might well have been regarded as sepa-rate subspecies, or even species were it not for the riously hostile to the benefits of the environment. But we

must never tire of seeking the humanity that underlies this es, were it not for the kind of racial stereotyping. fact that they can and often do Ian Flintoff. interbreed to produce viable 22 Chaldon Road. hybrids. For this reason "race" | London SW6 7NJ.

...... ................ ange-tips are a regular sight around the long lines of Hedge Garlick along the river bank, although I have yet to see the less obvious female, and the diminutive Small Copper has been taking full advantage of some fine days to bask in the sun on its favourite stone or patch of earth. The change to warmer weather has produced an in-flux of the Painted Lady butterfly: on a recent walk through the woods and over through the woods and over the fields around the village I recorded seven of these brightly coloured migrants. Originating in South-west Europe or North Africa, they are strong flyers, said to cover their 600 mile migra-tion at an average speed of lomph, and in a good year will spread throughout the will spread throughout the UK, even reaching Iceland. flying — the Large, Small, vive our cold and wet winter. and Green-veined: male Or-



treatment and care. Alison Cobb.

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Diary

Dan Atkinson

Goaded by Michael Mates on Breakfast With Frost, he offers a rant which seems to pretend he has barely even heard of the IRA. The BBC meticulously demonstrates the power-structure of the IRA, placing Mr McGuinness very near the top, and the Sinn Fein spokesman is instantly to be found bleating on television about the irrelevance, and outrageous un-helpfulness, of such speculation at this time of a possible historic breakthrough. those written in blood and to break it. Perhaps this is those that have come to noth-ing. The psychology of the most of them based in aca-How should we regard Mr

McGuinness? As an agent of the peace engaging in a little necessary duplicity for the greater good? Or as someone deme or in Dublin, the only observers whose words are a match for the situation they whose contempt for the truth is as congenital as his batred are addressing tend to be those with a fanatically com-mitted point of view. They offer no help. They've signed the pledge. Fire and bias are of the British? But he is not the only poli-

tician dependent on such a

The talks could be their own solution. The one thing that all sides agree on is that they will go on for a very long time

life-support system. In his way, David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, practises as large a de-ception. Mr Trimble is a smooth, apparently reason-

able performer. He is bound to challenge the credentials of Senator Mitchell, but you know he won't let the sena-tor's imputed bias be more than a negotiating point. At bottom, however, Mr Trimble and his party use smoothness as Mr McGuinness uses roughness: as the tool of im-placable resistance to the

In this context, it falls to outsiders to import a frame-work within which some hope of bomb-free living can be offered to Ulster and the mainland. The article context in the we offered to Ulster and the mainland. The retired gener-als and senators from far away across the sea, who are prepared to make the effort, should enjoy our unqualified admiration. Mr Major, an-other outsider, may have made a few mistakes in his made a few mistakes in his handling of the profoundly unreasonable forces to whom he tried to apply the force of reason. But he has addressed himself to a task for which few voters are ever likely to thank him. His effort reached another climax, one of many

when Mr Bruton and he stood on Ulster soil yesterday to start these talks. The talks themselves could be their own solution. The be their own solution. The one thing about which all sides are agreed is that they will go on for a very long time. The timetable for ple-nary sessions and working-group sub-sessions stretches well into 1997. A de facto IRA ceasefire, as Kevin Toolis pointed out on this page yes-terday, has held in Ulster. Observers closer to the psyervers closer to the psyche than I can ever presum to get seem to be sure this will become sufficiently de jure to let Gerry Adams into the room some time soon. The stage is prepared for

the Ulster political machine, that angine of endless dis-course lurching between the highest of principles and the lowest of tactics, to settle in for a long, satisfying journey to no fixed destination. Delegate expenses run at £100 a day, a well-judged incentive to keep things going. For people who do not want a so-intion, to journey is better than to arrive.

This is not, however, a way of making history. The his-toric moment, I think, is not available. Such moments require there to be winners and losers, the last thing Ulster needs

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beginning to merge. One of the most important policy



**COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9** 

George Monbiot 

SickLE cell anaemia is a disease which keeps people alive. In malaria-infested places, the malformation of red blood cells it causes means that the para-site has trouble getting a foot-hold. In Africa, the gene despite conferring health problems of its own - seems to carry an advantage, as one in 10 Afro-Caribbean people

possess it. Among northern Europe-ans, it was unknown until this year. As the first results of the genetic screening of lished, several who have no known African antecedents turn out to possess the trait. The Sunday Telegraph reports that blonde, blue-eyed mothers-to-be are searching their family trees for African ancestors.

They may have to go a long way back. African legionaries came over with the Romans. The Phoenicians, whose em-pire incorporated substantial regions of North Africa, may have engaged in active trade with Britain seven centuries before Christ. Among the seafaring Iberians of the Bronze Age, there could have been people from the other side of the Strait of Gibraltar. If these genes are of African origin, and not the result of

northern Europe, two impli-cations leap to mind. The first is that we should be doubly cautious about linking genetic characteristics to race.

ous. Even if he wanted to, Zyuganov could not expropri-ate private property on a large scale or close the kiosks without facing an armed revolt. Zyuganov himself has recognised that the five mil-lion small businessmen mould protect their property Packages of genes are mobile and alippery. Those coding for dark skin and curly hair might go one way; those for other ostensibly racial characteristics another. Scarcely less evident is the damage such findings do to

would protect their property with guns. Even before these crucial elections the two colours the notion of the "true-born" the white and the red - are

describe ourselves thus, as our identity is the result of

nation should have been built from endless migrations; that race, if definable at all, should be fuzzy at the edges. Of particular pertinence is the origin and migration of that tiny group of genes whose physical expression has caused so much persecution and segregation — the cluster which codes for black skin. It has long been known that skin pigment is a defence

against solar radiation. But this knowledge presents a problem. Why do some peoples who have long lived in places with high levels of ultraviolet light (such as the Andes or the Kajahari Desert) have much near this the have much paler skins than peoples living in places with less exposure, such as the rainforests of West Africa?

This is a question that Dr Jonathon Kingdon addresses in his remarkable book, Self-Made Man. Very dark skin, he observed, is distributed patchily in far-flung parts of the world. It's found in sev-eral parts of Africa; in Tamil Nadu and the Andaman Is-lands; in a few remote places in the Philippines and Indonesia; and in much of Melane-sia. If the trait had not arisen independently in lots of different places, then how could its extraordinary distribution be explained?

INGDON noticed that all sensible peoples (the English appear to be the only exception) keep out of the midday sun. Black skin is necessary, he specu-lated, only where exposure to full solar radiation is unavoidable. Mountain, savannah or forest people can take shelter, but the movements of If these genes are of African people who survive by forag-origin, and not the result of ing the seashore at low water spontaneous mutation in are determined not by the sun but the tide. Stooping over the shadeless reef, surrounded by the glittering sea, their dose of radiation could hardly

have been greater. Nowhere in the tropics has more coastline or more edible intertidal life than the archipelagos of south-east Asia. Strikingly, Kingdon found that ocean currents rove all the way back, via Tamil Nadu and the Andamans, to the coast of Africa. People who Englishman. Of all the floated across the ocean peoples of the world, we are would have spread along the perhaps the least qualified to African coast, then up the rivers into the interior, to mix with the indigenous pop-

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editors who have their own

editors who have their own reasons for the deployment of hyperbole. Hyperbole beight-ens, promises, simplifies. It confers majesty on quotidian banalities that most people have got tired of. The hyper-bole of historic importance is onium for the people, and for

opium for the people, and for

reporters desperately need-ing to dramatise, and thereby

possibly to shape, events. But yesterday was not an historic

It could, in retrospect, be-

come one. On the whole, I hope it doesn't Conceivably, June 10, 1996 in Belfast will

ESTERDAY in Bel-

A STERDAY IN Bei-fast, bistory was not made. The talks that half-began were not an historic moment. Saying otherwise is the language of governments, and of media editors who here their our of the way the other

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## Lies, damned lies, Dan Atkinson and Ulster politics

Diary

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ICHAEL Howard be-lieves in clarity of meaning; his drive for "honesty in sentencing" proves it. But he was uncharacteristically vague when his sixtles youth was raised by columnist and Tory candidate Boris John-Tory candidate ports John-son in the Daily Telegraph yesterday. "I had a very good time in the sixties." de-clared the Home Secretary, who confessed to having (a) played in a skiffle band and (b) read Jack Kerouac. But as talk turned to wacky baccy, Mr Howard dis-played the sort of fudgeplayed the sort of nunge-speak we thought be de-spised. Boris asked: "So if you smoked pot, you never inhaled?" MH: "I, ah, ah, I was never a beatnik." Noone asked if you were, the question related to a controlled substance, posses-sion of which carried a maximum £500 fine until February 1994, when you increased it to £2,500. A clear mean-what-we-say de-nial will fit the bill nicely. LSEWHERE in the

criminal justice syswould appear to be the lat-est niche market for advertisers. The pages of The Magistrate tempt their wor-ships with goodies. For example: "We care for Odd Size Gentlemen with Made to Measure trousers" declares "British trouser specialist" Brook Martine, beneath an illustration of beneath an little a total as some very odd-shaped legs indeed. Hamilton Direct Bank screams: "12.9 per cent APR" in a plug for "un-secured personal loans for magistrates" (well, really!). "Commemorate the day you were appointed," urges Yorkshire Calligraphies, offering a certificate in "old English text" for £19. The "scroll of retirement" costs another tenner.

Handler Duchy of Lancaster is an agreeable place with an ancient history, some beautiful countryside and its own special seal. Why, then, does its Chancellor, Roger Freeman, feel the need to do anything other than sit tight and Chancel away, es pecially as his extra jobs bring him nothing but grief? Yesterday, in his rôle as Mr BSE, he was facing cattlemen in the auction market at Thirsk, Yorkshire. An amicable enough encounter, we hear, but one for which no sensible person would have volunteered. Back in London. our fronth Smith was taking aim at another of Chancellor Freeman's hats: Minister for Public Services. A written mestion to Mr Freeman had demanded the number of Government computer contracts awarded Andersen Consulting. Back came details, including three pro ects for the Department of Social Services, a ministry Whitehall wots not of. Mr Smith tabled a follow-up question, asking Mr Free man to define this new department. No reply as yet. LITTLE more respect, please, for the performance of the Natural Law Party in elections for the Northern Ireland forum. Never mind the "yogic flying" cracks; the NLP levitated above five other parties and came last in only four of the 18 constituencies. In West Belfast Sinn Féin's good result deflected attention from the NLP's triumphant trouncing of the venerable Communist Party of Ireland by 30 votes to 28. And in Foyle, the John Hume and Martin McGuinness victories overshadowed Natural Law's crushing by 41 to 40 of Dem-ocratic Left, formerly the Official IRA and a party that considers itself a major that considers itself a major player. These achievements are all the more remarkable given that Natural Law pulled out before the vote and did not campaign, but failed to get its name removed from the ballot. Just think what could have been achieved by a mainstream political heavyweight such as Lord Sutch.

be a day for history to reckon with. But there seems a de-cent case for waiting and see-I experience an equal lack of which is still regarded by all ing before raising these sympathy for either of the lifetime students and practigrand expectations. We have heard about other historic moments in Ulster, Irish histwo groupings that have the tioners with addictive power to make the historic ascination. Martin McGuinness seri-ously expects us to believe he talks are supposed to has no power in the IRA. engineer. moments in Ulster. Irish his-tory is all too full of them, roughly divided between layers of rhetorical pretence, **Choose and lose** 

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court-room oath — the truth, the whole truth and nothing but. But Ulster politics is uniquely dependent on the mentry by the minor inconoxygen of mendacity. Lying about both ends and means is venience that one of the main players has so far failed to get to the table. This is a temso much the everyday stuff of porary blip, only to be expected. life that the participants have long since failed to I ought to be further asnotice it. sisted by a complete and hon-est absence of allegiance. Ca-tholicism might turn me one way, Britishness the other. The reporter/analyst can point this out. But its systemic prevalence comes to defeat normal dialogue. Ulster nour-My innate, visible biases pull

historic moment is the curse

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As a commentator, I'm con-scious that I should tran-

scend this. I should be enter-

ing into the spirit of history

with more enthusiasm: reflecting the positions of the participants, finely analysing their objectives, surveying the material ceaselessly fed

side proposes to achieve it. Nor, of course, should one

be deflected from such inti-mations of historic mo-

Whatever the outcome of the first round

of elections for the Russian presidency

on Sunday, David Hearst says that

the winner will have to learn

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being attempted.

ishes a politics in which every last comma of a state-ment must be routinely aname with equal strength in two directions. Except that I cannot claim possession of even one of these deformities. ysed to death, and then disbelieved: a process, however

their only stock-in-trade. But at least they are in the same

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is lying. Perhaps I am too fas-

tidious. I've been around politics and politicians long

enough to understand that none of them could succeed if

they were bound by the

E hope members of the Evening Stan-dard theatre club tempted by Friday's offer of cut-price tickets for Mind Millie For Me ("the show is running successfully at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket") checked the front page story stating: "Felicity Kendal's comedy Mind Millie For Me is to close early with losses reported to exceed £500,000."

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HE lasting image of Boris Yeltsin's campaign for reelection as presi-dent is a picture of two jackets --

revolution or radical

one made of denim, the other with prison stripes. Under-neath is the slogan: "Choose or Lose". For that, we are told, is what it is all about reform versus retreat, the future versus the past, the Whites versus the Reds. In western capitals this message is only slightly nu-anced. Yeltsin is seen as a reformer at heart, even though the task of supporting him means having to look the other way for a fair amount of the time. This is done every day over the behaviour of Russian troops in Chechenia, a war which actually gets more violent every time Russia signs a ceasefire deal. The IMF also had to avert its gaze

when the Russian govern-ment raided five trillion rou-bles from the Central Bank last week in order to pay just part of the backlog of wages. That, in anyone's language, was monetary emission and was highly inflationary. No matter, the IMF paid the monthly tranche of its \$10.2 billion loan without a mur-mur. Worse still, Yeltsin blamed the IMF for not pay-

ing more. Boris Yeltsin appears to be behaving like Mr Toad in The Wind In The Willows, a wellmeaning but backsliding ani-mal. Without his friends, Badger (Clinton), Ratty (Kohl) and Mole (Major), to correct him, Toad Hall would almost certainly fall into the hands of the weasels and the stoats the communists and nationalists. If the Chief Weasel, Gennady Zyuganov, the main communist challenger, had printed money as Yeltsin did ast week, the reaction of the IMF would have been to stop making its monthly payments immediately. But all of Toad's rash promises are forgiven him in the greater cause of keeping him in Toad Hall.

No one really likes him. Few believe he will last an-other term of office, but the alternative is too horrible to contemplate, so the argument goes. There is one slight problem with this line of thinking.

And that is the opinion of 105 million Russians. After 10 years of industrial decline, with factories almost at a halt, with a government unable to pay its workers their wages, and no money being invested in new indus try, the Russians are apt to see the concepts of reform, privatisation and liberalisation in different terms from the West. They demand protection, the return of a strong hand at the tiller and a national industrial policy. Yes, they want reform, but

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minister of defence, and at that price, the Russian presiper of this election will have to take the new mood in the dent may temporarily buy the country seriously. There is always the option loyalty of the army. But no

of ruling by force, and Yeltsin himself has toyed with this idea more than once. But even if he were disposed to become an autocrat, Yeltsin currently lacks the means. In spite of the dire provocations, the armed forces have done Russia's nascent democracy a sterling service by staying out of politics. Even the celebrated power of the presidential bodyguard, the lago of Russian politics, General Alexander Korzhakov, is not total and certainly not

nationwide. The rank and file are more likely to vote either for Alexander Lebed, the retired general, or for Vladimir Zhirinthey want reform, but ovsky. the extreme want it with central nationalist. Lebed might eas-

heating. Whoever is the win- | ily emerge as Yeltsin's next | that the result will be closer Anatoli Sobchak was leading in the polls on the eve of a local election in St Petersburg, where he was narrowly defeated as mayor.

one is going to go to the line If Yeltsin wins with 53 per to save the president's skin. In the last major confrontacent of the vote in the second tion in October 1993, both Bo-ris Yeltsin and Alexander round, and Zyuganov loses narrowly, the victorious pres-Rutskoi, the leader of the parident still has to live in a liamentary revolt, had sucountry where over 33 million people --- one-third of the elecpreme difficulty getting torate - voted against him. He faces a divided country, a troops out to support their cause. There is no indication that this would change now. bankrupt system of federal finances, no means of paving If the army does not enter politics, whoever emerges as the summer's salaries and no quick means of extricating Russla's next president will have to take into account the himself from the mess. millions of votes culled by the loser. The polls say Yeltsin is going to get double Zyugan-ov's vote and Yeltsin himself said he intends to win out-

country with a broad coalition government, which real question is whether Rus-would, by its nature, have to sia will emerge in 10 years' adopt many of the policies time from this painful rebirth and the personalities of the well- or ill-disposed to its right in the first round next loser. The same logic works if weaker Western European Sunday, Experience of previous Russian elections shows | Zyuganov were to be victori- | partners.

changes to be seen in Yeltsin's election manifesto con-cerns the sale of agricultural

With the exception of allotments, peasant plots, dacha holdings and land in cities, most land in Russia still belongs to the state. Yeltsin always stood for the free sale of agricultural land, as a means agricultural land, as a means of breaking up the huge state farms and the enormously powerful lobby of the commu-nist allies, the agrarians. Now, for the first time, he has come out against the "incon-trolled" sale of a peasant's share of the state farm land. This is a gift to the agrarian lobby.

IG business is also changing its political tune. The capi-tal so quickly accrued in the first and corrupt wave of pri-vatisation has begun to find a home, not only on the London property market, but in Rus-sian industry as well. Yester-day's speculanti, the pejorative Russian word for wide boys, now find themselves the owners of defunct cotton mills in Ivanova, Russia's Red Manchester.

Now they, too, are worrying about the high price of cotton from Uzbekistan, and the fact that the Russian market is being flooded by cheap Chi-nese imports. Yesterday's ex-ponents of the free market come today's supporters of high tariff barriers. Russian investors in Russian industry are rediscovering their nationalism. Another surprising change in political colour. Yeltsin is not by nature a

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man who finds it easy to com-promise. Yet compromise is what is demanded by Russia's near-bankrupt finances, and with a people exhausted after 10 years of continuous up-heaval. Many of Yeltsin's closest advisers would lose their power as a consequence. Perhaps that is why they are the first to talk up the possi-bility of civil strife and civil war, and why, by the same token, the most peaceful and circumspect performer on the Russian political stage is Zyueanov himself in reality, there is no other

choice. The time for radical reformers or revolutionaries in Russia is over. Russia is in the process of reforming its own nationhood, its own industrial, social and defence policies. This process can be achieved with or without western help or influence. As Russia has shown many times This means ruling the in the past, it always emerged stronger from its crises. The sia will emerge in 10 years'

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always been, a myth. Homo sapiens, like the wil-We are a cursed species. We are migratory peoples, long forced to settle, who neverthedebeest or the Arctic tern, is a migratory species. The East African savannahs in which less resent the migrations of others. A handful of genes, we emerged are among the most volatile of ecosystems. We survived their vicissidispersed by accidents of history, gives us the means of singling out some of the mitudes by following the rains. The need to wander made us grants from everyone else. Had the devil driven evoluwhat we are; our brains, tion, he could not have done better. Humankind is left hands, limbs and senses, our social life and patterns of with no greater task than to stifle the seeds of conflict which our biological history thought are those of the migrant. It is scarcely any won-der, therefore, that every has sown among us.



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### **10 OBITUARIES**

Sanjiva Reddy **An Indian patriarch** 

EELAM Sanjiva state who has died aged 83. was one of those politicians who naturally seek out power, suffering almost no inhibitions along the way. Long ago, he boasted that he never kept a job for longer than two years and that he rose higher every time he left a post. While events in 1969 and 1977 broke the pattern, during a half cen-tury political career his observation was largely true. He was provincial Congress party secretary at 23; member of a legislative assembly at 33; founding father of the Indian Constitution by his midthirties: then, state minister: deputy chief minister and twice chief minister of south India's largest state, Andhra Pradesh. He was national Congress president for three vears under Jawaharlal Nehru a cabinet minister; speaker of India's lower house of par-liament, the Lok Sabha; and, finally. President of the republic from 1977-82. The only office he never held was prime minister.

He was a central figure in two of the major Indian political dramas of our time. His adversaries were two contro-versial prime ministers who were themselves bitter political enemies - Indira Gandhi. a practitioner of *realpolitik*, and Moraji Desai, famous for usterity and inflexibility.

In 1969 Reddy was fielded as Reddy, India's the official Congress candi-former head of date for the Indian Presidency and was defeated by a candidate backed by Indira Gandhi, She targeted Reddy as a reactionary representa-tive of old bosses out of tune with the new India, and went on to split the party and return to power as unchal-lenged leader. In 1977 Gandhi's bated Emergency was overthrown in an election. At which point

the new president, Reddy, ran foul of Indira Gandhi's great rival Prime Minister Morarif Desai, who was 17 years older, expected Reddy to defer to him, and confine himself to an ornamental role as head of state. Relations deteriorated rapidly. In 1979, after Desai's Janata Party government fell, Reddy

attracted controversy by refusing to give Desai a second turn and eventually dissolved parliament rather than give an opportunity to Jagjivan Ran, Desai's successor as leader, to form the government. This drama paved the way for Indira Gandhi's

1990 return to power. Born into a middling Andhra Pradesh landlord family, his early education was in Madras but while at the government arts college in Anahtapur he gave up his studies to immerse himself in the nationalist struggle. He spent the greater part of the period 1940-45 in British Indian jails.

Reddy was seen as the man | ship turned out to be a somewho could unify the feuding factions within Congress in what became Andhra Pra-desh. He defeated a veteran politico in a famous 1951 party election for the provin-cial party presidency, but, following the death of his fiveyear-old son in a gruesome motor accident, the devas-tated father resigned. But there was no question of party elders accepting this one attempt in his life to es-cape from the pressures and

attractions of public life. Twice, hefore he became chief minister of an enlarged Andhra Pradesh in 1956, he made a splash by acts of well-calculated sacrifice. He percalculated sacrifics. He per-suaded a legendary rival to accept the chief ministership of the new state while becom-ing deputy; and he withdrew from a 1955 party presidential election in the interest of party unity. Later, he col-lected on the debts the party owed him.

owed him. Reddy is remembered as a strong Andhra Pradesh chief minister, and he brought some kind of development ori-entation to his stewardship of an infant state, while his wit and repartee made him a formidable debater. But there were many outstanding per-sons, particularly on the left, in Andhra Pradesh's politics then and some of them were regarded as having greater depth than Reddy. If his first chief minister

Pilar Lorengar

Pilar Lorenza Garcia was

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what contentious period, his second innings ended under a cloud in February 1964: he was obliged to resign in the wake of Supreme Court stric-tures evaluet what would in tures against what would, in essence, be recognised today as a dirty trick against a political opponent. However, within his party and at the highest level, Reddy was praised for setting high standards of public conduct through this act of renuncia-tion when his own direct in-volvement in the dirty trick

had not been proved. In 1964 he was inducted into the national cabinet by Nehru's successor as prime minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri. He was regarded as a com-petent, although not a distin-

petent, although not a distin-guished, minister. As speaker of the lower house Reddy was respected for his firmness and fair play. Over the last two decades of his life, he won admiration for the spirited fight he put up against a variety of ailments. An enisode of cancer, which against a variety of animetics. An episode of cancer, which he said he had "purchased" through his habit of chain smoking, was courseously overcome. He fall sariously ill in 1983 and fought his way back to a normal life. He is survived by Neelam Nagarath-namma, his wife of 61 years, a

son and three daughters. In the final analysis, the significance of Reddy's passing lies in the questions he

the nature of the president's role in India's parliamentary form of government, and also in the fact that he was one of the last, disappearing links between the politics of the freedom struggle and the politics of today.

There is a strict construc-tionist view of the presidency that has been pressed recently. According to this, a constitutional president must not deviate from the narrow path laid out for him (there has been no her to date in India) in the constitution He India) in the constitution. He must not claim any substan-

tive powers, must not tread on executive toes, and must not enter into areas suggest ing the potentially arbitrary use of presidential powers. In other words, the constitutional head of state must be above temptation.

Reddy has left us a memoir titled Without Fear or Favour, which presents his side of the story; it is an interesting read. But it is hard today to avoid the judgment that his approach to the highest office in the land was somewhat flawed and he seemed to give in at least a little to tempta-tion. But that did not take too much away from a public career remarkable for its longevity, range and versatility.

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, former President of India: born May 19, 1913; died June 1, 1996.

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tors of fatism and ageism Birthdays Lorengar's last Berlin tri-Jean Alesi, racing driver, 32; John Aspinall, 200-owner, 69; Jacques Cousteau, undersea bos. Set in a divided Berlin, in explorer, 86; Lynsey de Paul, modern dress, Lorengar was transformed by a blonde punk singer, 46; Sir Marcus Fox, Conservative MP, chairman, hairdo. She astonished the au-diences in her 60th year, by the 1922 Committee, 69: Athol Fugard, playwright, 64; Rachael Heyboe Flint, cricketer, 56; passion of her singing and her parinership with the young American tenor Richard Hugh Laurie, actor, 37; Paul Mellon, arts patron, 89; Jenny Pitman, racehorse trainer, 50; Leech. When they sang the act four duet at a gala concert in New York the following year, Jackie Stewart, racing driver, 57; Richard Todd, ac-tor, 77; Gene Wilder, actor, 61.

they stole the evening. "I want to grow older hap-pily. You must know when to stop, before people say bad things about you. When I leave I will just stop, no long fare-wells, just goodbye," Lorengar said in 1986. That was just how

Death Notices she did it, appearing in San Francisco as Manon Lescaut and Elisabeth de Valois — in CORNTRATE, Granustari siruck French. "I am very emo-tional." she said afterwards

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tion of Die Zauberflöte, con-ducted by Vittorio Gui and designed by Oliver Messel, "ravishingly sung and beauti-ful to look at."

ILAR Lorengar, who has died aged 68, was one of the most charmknown Zarzuela soprano. ing, feminine prima donnas of the postwar era. She joined a touring com-pany and was noticed by a Although considered a great representative of the Orquesta star, Lorengar was an opera singer of the old school who Nacional and became a soloist in the Brahms Requiem.

preferred to be a member of Lorengar's opera debut was an ensemble, staying in one place to develop her repertory. It was in Berlin that Lorenas Cherubino in Le Nozze di Figuro at the Aix-en-Provence Festival in 1955. Conducted by gar became the reigning so-prano. When she celebrated 25 Hans Rosbaud this performance was later issued on disc, and the purity and play-fulness of Lorengar's youthful pageboy can easily be heard. ears at the Deutsche Oper in 1984. Gotz Friedrich, then Intendant of the company said, From Aix, she appeared in New York and London, at "Pilar Lorengar made our ears clear and opened our hearts ... the purity of her tone is grounded in harmony

and earned enough to study Francisco Opera, became the trich Fischer-Dieskau, in-with Angeles Ottein, a well-guiding influences in her cluded Elisabeth in Don Corcareer. McEwen recalled, "I heard her Violetta at Covent Garden; and of course she didn't know what she was singing ... but what a gor-geous child she was, how un-believably beautiful?

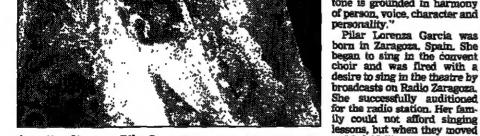
Lorengar settled in Berlin. She became a favourite so-prano with several great conductors. In 1958 she sang Pamina in Zauberflöte in Buenos Aires, under Sir Thomas Beecham, Ilia in *Idomeneo* at the Salzburg Festival in 1981. Donna Anna in Don Giovonni at Covent Garden in 1963 with Josef Krips and at Aix under Covent Garden, where she

cluded Elisabeth in Dan Car-los, Alice in Falstaff, Violetta in La Traviata; in Puccini she was heard as Tosca, Butterfly, Sour Angelica, her Wagner roles were Elsa in Lohengrin and Eva in Meistersinger — a part she also sang in New York Chicago and San Fren.

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York, Chicago and San Fran-cisco. Lorengar sang in Tel Aviv, as Donna Anna conducted by Giulini, and as Des-demona opposite James McCracken's Otello, con-ducted by Istvan Kertesz. When Lorin Mazzel became music director of the Berlin Opera, she established a close rapport with him (their 1969

umph was as Valentine in Meyerbeer's Les Huguenois in John Dew's 1987 production, conducted by Jesus Lopes-Co-



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Born in Liverpool. Colin followed in the family's theatrectly on his own war time rical footsteps. His mother experiences in North Africa. was an actress and play-wright, and young Colin started out as a "call boy" in The second, Reluctant Heroes, was a big hit and ran for fou years at the Whitehall repertory theatre. More inter-Theatre with a cast that inested in writing than acting the had applied to and was turned down by the local Gregory, but Colin himself newspaper), he managed to playing Captain Percy.

OLIN Morris, who get some of his first plays I it was around this time that has died aged 80, performed in the provinces. Colin started training as a found fame in the and was published by small marriage guidance counsellor (for the organisation now It was the outbreak of war that provided Colin with new known as Relate). He once told a journalist: "I felt so material, taking him overseas guilty enjoying myself night after night and making and presenting him with a whole new set of characters. money for it. I knew I had to do something useful during the day to help other people." BBC television was expand-His first London produc-tion. Desert Rats, was per-formed in 1945 and drew di-

ing rapidly at this time. Many people had bought sets for the Coronation, and the cost was coming within the reach of ordinary families. Colin joined the BBC in 1954, teamcluded not only Brian Ris as ing up with Glichrist Calder to produce drama documenta ries. Their first. Unloced

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(1965), was a play about a delinquent boy which exam-ined the long term effects of a deprived childhood. Other social problems that inter-ested Gil and Coline were alco-bolism localiness unhapped bolism, loneliness, unhappy marriage, unmarried mothers and prostitution. The social climate of that period did not encourage "sordid subjects", and prostitution was a taboo subject in the BBC. Colin brought a sympathetic ap-proach to these subjects and gave viewers a new insight into other peoples' lives.

Always interested in police procedures, Colin set about investigating police interro-gation methods. A proramme called Who Me? ca about after a night spent in the company of Detective Sgt Bill Prendergast of the Liver-pool police and three petty criminals. The series It's Jacks and Enarce soon followed, based on four of Prendergast's cases. This series

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won Colin a Screenwriters' Guild award for the best script of 1961, and paved the way for series like Z-Cars. By the 1960s documentaries that focused on social issues had been accepted into the mainstream. But Colin broke new ground once again with his programme With Love and Tears, which looked at the impact of the birth of a mon-

But I had a teacher who remains one of the best).

vent Garden's first Fiordiligi Anglo-Saxon critics were inwhen Georg Solti conducted Cosi fan Tutte in 1968. clined to carp about Loren-In Berlin, however, she gar's "placidity" and made snide remarks about her size. seemed to give her best perfor-mances, and it was there that When she sang Eurydice in Gluck's Orphee at Covent Garshe continued to add new ful to look at." Carl Ebert, who engaged Lorengar for her first appear-ances in Berlin, and Terence McEwen, then of London Re-cords, latar the head of San Verdi roles, all opposite Die-Lorengar accusing her detrac-

gol (now Down's Syndrome) | television career in front of child on a family. | the camera - interviewing

The production had first been inspired by his friend Brian Rix's experience as the father of a Down's Syndrome child, and the programme drew a strong response from BBC audiences. One viewer enclosed a cheque saying: "We had a whip round at bingo, please use this for the kiddles." Another woman wrote: "I always crossed to the other side of the street when I saw a neighbour with her mongol child. After sceing your programme I offered to babysit for her."

Television was now a regu-lar feature of British life and Morris created the twice weekly serial The Neuromers for early evening transmission, followed by The Doc-tors (set in a GP's practice) and King of the River, based on a family with a Thames Jane Ross barge. In 1968 he began a new 1996

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#### **Black misery** MISERY is when you come

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Extracts from black misery by Langston Hughes, key figure in the 1920s Harlem Renaissance, First published in 1969, the predicament of a black child adjusting to the new integrated world of the 1960s. It was the last book he terote before he died in 1969. After 25 years it is being relaunched on June 27 by Oxford University Press.

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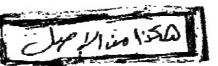
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They use it everytime they want to get the attention of all the wannabee techies and dorks, as well as weiners and those in the establishment. It seems to be this mystic place where anything and every-thing happens. The major con nection to this mystic place (for the wannabee's and such) is a place called AOL. Life (ii-f) n; 1, something that mortal man wants to find the aning of. 2. Mythical object just out of the reach of most computer geeks. We don't care what it means, just give us one DAMMIT! See female. Mad Ism ('mad'ism) n: 1. a question when your mom ooks pissed 'You ain't SIN ?" NRF (nerf-) n: Nerds Revolution@ry Front. Under-ground site dedicated to fellow computer geeks/nerds/ dorks who need to satisfy their inner most desires for mouter relayed hyper links

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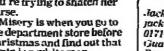
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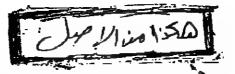
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Unprecedented step as British Energy directors attach caveats on future dividends **Plans for** nuclear sweeteners turn sour

#### Chris Barrie **Business Corre**

OVERNMENT plans to sweeten the priva-tisation of the nuclear industry with a promise to investors of a 196 million dividend were thrown into disarray yesterday when the directors of British Ener-gy Inmediately warned that future pay-outs may have to be cut.

dividends would rise.

Contained in the pathfinder prospectus published yester-day, the warnings heightened controversy over British En-ergy's inability to fund dividends from profits.

Launching the prospectus, energy and industry minister Tim Eggar admitted that the dividend policy, seen by large investors as crucial to the success of next month's flotation, was the result of "pro-longed creative tension" be-tween British Energy and the

Government. One City analyst immediately predicted that the divi-dend forecast was unsustain-able and suggested it had been made to boost sale pro-

ceeds to the Government. He said: "The statement as-

by £1.96 billion to £5.23 bil-lion. Nuclear liabilities, esti-mated at £14 billion in the

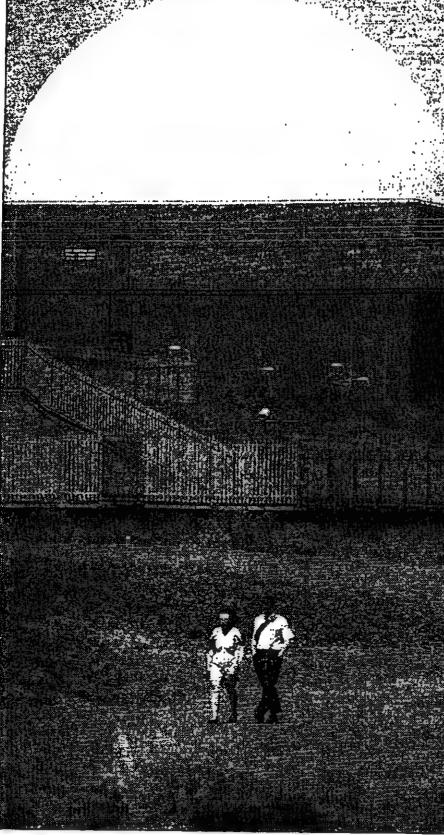
prospectus, were condemned as far too low by Dr Patrick Green, senior energy cam-psigner at Friends of the Earth. Citing recent research published in the Guardian, Dr Green said privatisation "rep-resents a massive stift from resents a massive gift from the taxpayer to the private sector". Written by Mike Sadnicki,

be cut. In an unprecedented step for state sell-offs, the directors of British Energy have attached six substantial warnings to their promises that future dividends would rise. The research was vetted by Gordon McKerron of Sussez University, official adviser to the trade and industry com-mittee of MPs.

mittee of MPs. Mr Eggar angrily dismissed the research as "absolute gar-bage". He said it had been "put forward by a couple of academics who appear not to understand the situation, or who appear to wort to min who appear to want to misconstrue it."

Labour warned that it would look at tightaning the regulatory framework in which British Energy oper-ates in the light of "subsi-dies" given to sweeten the sell-of

In a further warning to in-vestors, British Energy direc-tors stressed that the com-He said: "The state sumes all the upsides arrive and none of the downsides. It is extraordinary for a new company. There will be a divi-dend cut, and the warning he institucion in the unit price of elec-tricity would cost the group \$61-million off profits. A 1.8 wer cent drop in output would in the unit price of elec-tricity would cost the group \$61-million off profits. A 1.8 wer cent drop in output would in the unit price of elec-tricity would cost the group \$61-million off profits. A 1.8 wer cent drop in output would in the unit price of elec-tricity would cost the group in the state of the state of the state of the state in the unit price of elec-tricity would cost the group is the state of the state o



## Board set to gain paper profit Chris Barrie

WO directors of British Energy received large pay rises last year and the board will be in line for incrative share options and bonuses once the group is

bonuses once the group is in the private sector. According to accounts published yesterday, Robert Hawley, BE group chief ex-ecutive, was paid £284,000 in salary, bonuses, benefits and pension contributions in his last year at Nuclear Electric, the state-owned company that ran nuclear company that ran nuclear power stations in England and Wales. That repre-sented an increase of nearly 33 per cent on 1995 levels. Dr Hawley's basic salary of £190,000 was boosted by a bonus of £48,000.

The details were omitted from the pathfinder pro-spectus for British Energy but included in annual accounts reported separately yesterday by the state firm, since renamed Magnox Electric.

The accounts also show BE finance director Mike Kirwan's total pay and pen-sion contributions in-

According to the prospec-tus. deputy chairman Robin Jeffrey will see his pay rise by 37 per cent to £157,000 after privatisa-tion. tion.

The prospectus lists Dr Hawley's basic pay at BE as £207,000 and Mr Kirwan's al £162,495. The BE board's

pay will be boosted by a bo-nus scheme related to com-

pany performance, and a share-option scheme that

could enhance remunera-



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Notebook

HE British Energy pathfinder prospectus is by a long distance the most contentious offer made by a British government since Mrs Thatcher launched privatisa-tion with the sale of BT in

Alex Brummer

1984. Broadly speaking, the pri-vatisations have worked, de-livering better and increasingly cheaper services to the consumer, even if the purity of the enterprise has been spoilt by over-generous bene-fits to shareholders, the greed of utility bosses and supine

Even the most disputed of sell-offs, such as that of Rail-track, have had redeeming features for shareholders and customers, including a steady income stream, possible property bonuses, the prospect of bringing down costs, and im-proved services. In the case of British Energy, however hard one searches, it is hard to find redeeming features redeeming features.

The Government proudly notes that more than 750.000 potential investors have reg-Kirwan's total pay and pen-sion contributions in-istered to buy shares. They should be aware of what they £227,000. Mr Kirwan's supplemented by a bonus of £37.000. According to the prospec-tus, deputy chairman Robin Jeffrey will see his pay rise by 27 per cent to \$157.000 after privatias-istered to buy shares. They should be aware of what they posed bribe to sharaholders, the 296 million dividend (a gross yield of more than istered to buy shares. They posed bribe to sharaholders, the 296 million dividend (a gross yield of more than istered to buy shares. They posed bribe to sharaholders, the 296 million dividend (a gross yield of more than istered to buy shares. They posed bribe to sharaholders, the 296 million dividend (a gross yield of more than istered with caution.

funded from capital rather than earnings, it is based upon unsound financial prac-

tice. Second, it is - as the prospectus makes clear - de-pendent on the "absence of

however, the technical stud-ies involved in such a stratesy are barely under way. Moreover — as Simon Bea-vis and Psul Brown have reported in the Guardian — driving the advanced gascooled reactors at full tilt can have serious safety conse-quences. It is also interesting to note that the most up-to-date pressurised water reactor, at Sizewell B, will be shut down this month for statutory

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inspection. Much has been made of the endowment to British Energy of a relatively debt-free bal-ance sheet as a result of gov-ernment largesse. There is, however, no possibility in the near future of financing a new generation of nuclear plants, and, given the general overcapacity in UK power generation, this, like the whole British Energy offer, ooks like a giveaway too far.

#### Curious George

THE annual meeting of the Bank for Interna-tional Settlements should not be the most oner-ous chore in a central bank-er's diary. A trip to Basie, the morning meeting, a pleasant lunch and then home. For Eddie George, Gover-

nor of the Bank of England, however, the trip must be becoming something of a burden. For two years in a row in Basie Mr George has had to run the gauntlet of reporters questions about the conduct of UK monetary policy. In May 1995, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, declined to raise interest rates, despite the Bank's urgings. This year — just ahead of the BIS meet-ing — Mr Clarke cut interest rates, amid speculation that, once again, he and the Governor were at variance.

It is not Mr George's composure which suffers in Basle. The Governor is more than capable of dealing with im-portunate journalists. It is the reminder that increasingly unforeseen circumstances' among the central bankers, at of which there are more than enough (including unex-pected safety shutdowns) in the nuclear industry. Third, east from the industrialised world, Mr George is one of a shrinking band of those whose role is that of policy adviser, not policy-maker, the final dividend payment He should take heart from a line in the BIS annual report this time round. In spite of a changing world, says the BIS, economic policy prescriptions can have an impact, "assuming that policy-makers begin by recognising their limitations in an uncertain world, and focus more on avoiding particularly bad outcomes than on seeking impossibly good ones". That sounds like good sense as well as modesty. But it may be a philosophy that harbours a risk. In much of the industrialised world, monetary policy is controlled by indepen-dent central banks. They may prefer the art of the eminent-ly possible. The voters, who cannot call them to account, may not approve such a minimalist approach. Mr George should take heart. Mr Clarke may not al-ways take his advice but it is Mr Clarke who is accountable to the voters. However strong their views on government deficits, central bankers have no place addressing demo-cratic deficits.

reactors and the Sizewell B pressurised water reactor pencilled in as low as lost \$77 million last year on turnover of \$1.6 billion and has lost money since 1992.

wholesale electricity prices may plunge, chief executive Dr Robert Hawley admitted 1700 million, the prospectus the company believed that a 5 revealed that British Energy per cent drop in the price of per cent drop in the price of electricity was likely. However, Hoare Govett, British Energy's own broker, is believed to be forecasting a

The company is carrying £700 million of debt injected by the Government and its asdrop of 8 per cent and some analysts believe a much sharper fall is likely.

Shadow over sell-off ... Sizewell B pressurised water reactor: controversy heightened over British Energy's inability to fund dividends from profits. PHOTOGRAPHISMON HADLEY

## **Tarnished sale spares Government's blushes**

Energy sell-off
The full prospectus is published diving an incleative price range for the shares
Registrants will receive their mini- prospectus in the week begining July 1
A construction of shares to the public closes at noon. First instalment must be paid on application for shares.
international offer to City institutions closes at 8pm.
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#### Minister and advisers relieved to survive nuclear sell-off launch, writes Simon Beavis

NERGY minister Tim took fright at its clean-up Eggar chortled happily costs, was back on the agenda through yesterday's and would be completed in and would be completed in just over a year. He decided to launch of the British Energy sell off the eight most modern reactors and hive off the agepathfinder prospectus and. when it was all over, an adviser whispered to a coling Magnox reactors into a league, "Not too many heart attacks there, then." Their new state-owned company. British Energy is a company relief was obvious. which has only just come into "Getting here has meant a existence to act as a holding great deal of work for every-one involved," said Mr Eggar, with no hint that this is the company for the reactors. The company's antecedents - Nuclear Electric and Scot-

tish Nuclear - have a track record of heavy loss-making privatisation that ministers did not want to attempt before the general election. and its privatisation is sus-But in May last year, his then boss, Michael Heseltine, turned the tables. With the tained only by a pledge to pay a £96 million dividend sweet-Railtrack float looking precarious and unlikely to raise sufficient funds for pre-elec-

in the City and on Wall Street.

has infuriated rivals such as

Merrill Lynch, SBC Warburg

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would be successful.

Over the last two years, it

tion tax cuts, the Government **peeded an alternative**. Mr Heseltine used a White meshed in a tangled web of Paper to declare that the sale | strings attached. of the nuclear industry, aban-doned in 1979 when the City The trouble for the Govern-

fessionals can agree on what been an education. "It has the value should be. Minis shown that no amount of ters will need to convince the National Audit Office that the shame has been too much," he said.

Government has got the best Mr Eggar was personally embarrassed in March when price for the industry but City estimates of the price tag on British Energy, when shares he was forced to admit that he had been considering plans to abandon the flotation and sail start trading in mid-July, range from \$700 million to \$2.8 billion. British Energy to the US utility. Duke Power, only to find the American company best-

Even the Government's own advisers, BZW, have ing a hasty retreat saying it had not really been that been forced to tone down over-optimistic valuations interested. which fitted Government Since then, the Government

has agreed to write down British Energy's assets by £2 billion, to revalorise its liabilthinking but which made the Importantly, none of the valuations comes in above the ities from £7.6 billion to £3.7 22.9 billion capital cost of billion. It has also pledged to pay out a further 23.8 billion building British Energy's newest power station, tained only by a pledge to pay a £96 million dividend sweet. first year, even though this is not covered by profits. Even commitments to pay "progressive" dividends in future were yesterday en-mached in a tangled wah of manoeuvres carried out to manoeuvres carried out to to pay for the clean up of read

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tion by up to four times selary. Chairman John Robb is will not come until July 1997 which would give a Labour shown to have a three-year energy secretary ample time service contract, expiring in December 1998 — contrato alter the conditions. As important as the divivening the Greenbury code dend trap is the requirement that shareholders take so on corporate governar

much on trust. Usually it is only in the case of start-up companies like Orange that shareholders are expected to invest without sighting a profits record. In the case of British Energy, even after the figures have been sanitised to exclude the outdated Magnox reactors and reduce financing costs, the company will make pre-tax losses. In 1998 the losses will total £77 million (excluding the restructuring bill of £1.99 billion), against

the £68 million for 1984. Indeed, there is nothing in the profits record to make British Energy remotely attractive.

The company does propose to encourage investors by extending the life of its plants. thereby presenting the pros-pect of profits stretching fur-ther into the future, with ac-companying dividends. As the prospectus makes clear,

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City Editor

#### **Barings chief denies lying** and taking part in cover-up

dealings in order to boost his own income

Labour MP Diane Abbott said: "Part of what blinded HE former Chief Execu-tive of Barings Bank, you to your management responsibilities was greed.

Mr Norris rejected all find-Peter Norris, who was due to receive a £1 million personal bonus just weeks after the bank collapsed, admitted yesings of an investigation by the Singapore government in which he had been accused of terday that the astounding misleading inspectors. Saying profitability of Nick Leeson's he was an "honest" man, he trading operations had made repeatedly refuted hostile directors "less critical than questioning by Tory MP they should be". Mr Norris told an all-party Quentin Davies, who pointed out that the Singapore report Treasury Select Committee that he "acknowledged unrehad found him to have been "engulfed in a cover-up and telling a whole tissue of lies". Mr Norris said this version of events was not backed up by separate investigations by the Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Au-

But he repeatedly denied al-legations that he had any thority. But Mr Davies said the Sinprior knowledge of the unau-thorised trades being built up sapore findings had been "abcard networks do have a by Mr Leeson or that he had solutely damnify global reach; indeed it is one in any way approved of the own reputation". solutely damnifying to your

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## ING plans \$10m poaching suit

Deutsche under fire | Deutsche of damaging ING's business, breach of contract, for luring staff with six-figure salaries lan King writes

HE row over the poaching of top City staff inrensified yesterday. when ING Barings confirmed it was launching a \$10 million-plus (£6.7 million) legal action against Deutsche Morcan Grenfell, which last week recruited a 45-strong team from ING.

Barings from collapse after rogue trader Nick Leeson's chief executive of ING Barreckless deals, has lodged a ings, who attacked what he compensation claim in New called the "outrageous" York's Supreme Court. The claim is understood to accuse | Deutsche.

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unfair competition and the misuse of confidential infor-

mation. ING's action comes just five days after Deutsche signed up its entire team of Latin American securities analysts, mainly based in Merico,

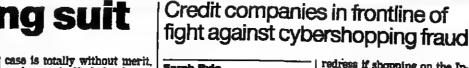
Chile and Brazil, reportedly luring them with six-figure salaries. In addition, in a break with pormal City practice, Deutsche is thought to have guaranteed the recruits bonus payments over a number of

vears. The move provoked fury amounts being offered by

But in a statement issued last night, Deutsche defended its actions robustly, insisting it had done nothing wrong. It said: "The ING Barings

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company itself blush.

and we shall defend our actions vigorously." Since its £950 million acqui-Cost spending money any. sition of Morgan Grenfell in where in the world from the 1988, Deutsche Bank has becomfort of your own home, come known for its aggressive recruitment policy, both bas sparked demands for

rules to protect the newlyglobal consumer from unscrupulous traders. Safeguarding the rights of

customers currently vulnera-ble to fraud, delivery problems or just sub-standard goods was the issue on the agenda yesterday at a London meeting of representatives from the 27-nation Organisa-tion for Economic Coopera-

However, one insider at tion and Development, credit card companies and the Brit-ING Barings in London last night privately expressed ish Office of Fair Trading. scepticism at the outcome of the case, and said he doubted whether the ING's claim The OECD called on credit companies to work on behalf had complete confidence in

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redress if shopping on the Internet failed to satisfy and warned that the potential of cybershopping, predicted to reap £7.25 billion in Britain alone by 2000, would be damaged otherwise,

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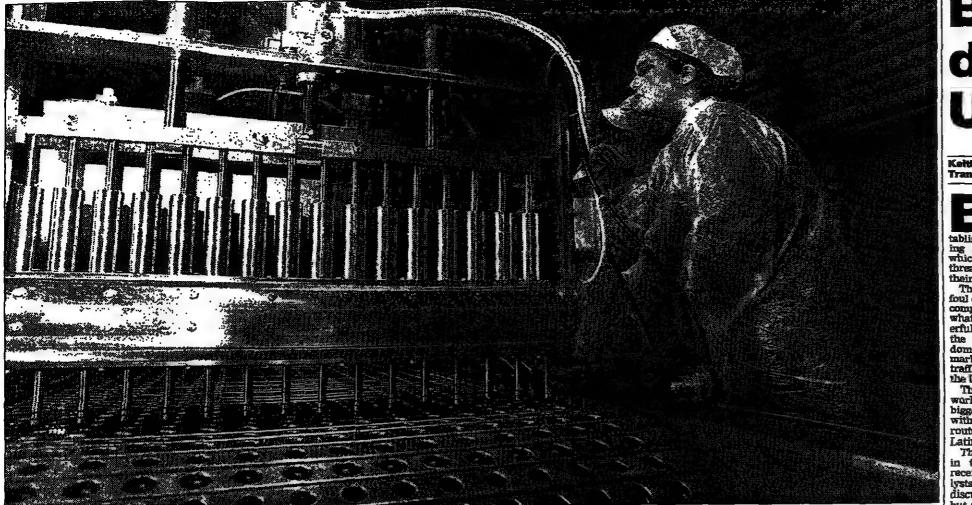
But, he said: "The payment of the proudest boasts in ad-

He warned that the full potential of cybershopping expected to benefit even the smallest retailer, would not be realised unless consumers of consumers to ensure the global marketplace.

servedly my share of the res-ponsibility" for the circumtor General of Fair Trading, said seeking redress from a stances in which the bank was last year brought down with losses of £860 million.

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col customers . . . Staff at Treats ice cream factory in Leeds enjoy the heatwave as the company is placed on the Stock Exchange with a price tag of £19.5 million. The firm used to ake Wall's ice cream before being hived off from Unilever under a management buyout in 1991. Dealings in the shares, placed at 1749, begin on Thursday — PHOTOGRAPH JUSTIN SLEE

First drop in four years 

 Interest rate reduction vindicated
 Consumer confidence surging back

## **Manufacturers cut prices**

#### Sarah Ryla

AST week's surprise interest rate cut was supported by official igures yesterday ally reduced inflationary pres sure in manufacturing in May. But the cut is likely to come under scrutiny again today following a survey of high street sales showing a strong

from 2 per cent. Mr Clarke would not have seen the latest producer price rise in spending. Manufacturers struggling to shift unsold stocks cut facfigures until Thursday night, tory gate prices in May by 0.1 per cent, the first monthly after he had implemented the cut in interest rates earlier drop since August 1992, acthat day, ONS officials said. City analysts said lower fac-tory gate prices could feed cording to the Office for National Statistics.

As a result, the annual rate through to the high street, with some suggesting that if retail price pressures also of output price growth fell to 2.9 per cent in May, from 3.2 per cent in April, the lowreduced, the Chancellor est rate of increase since De | might cut rates again in the

food, drink, tobacco and pe-troleum, rose by 0.1 per cent, and 2 per cent over the year, down from 2.7 per cent previ-ously. It was the lowest rate of "With a downward trend in underlying retail price inflation likely to be clearly estab-lished by late summer or early utumn, rates should fall by a core output inflation since further 0.25 percentage points at that time," said Adam Cole October 1994. of HSBC James Capel. The fall in factory gate prices reflected a drop in input costs (raw materials

#### BRC retail and fuel) paid by manufactursales monitor ers. The annual rate of increase dropped to 1.1 per cent

% annual increase in retail seles value, unadjusted

Alex Gerrard, a UK economist at UBS, said: "The Chan-cellor continues to overemphasise the importance of the manufacturing sector at the expense of growth in the service sector. For as long as he does so, monetary policy will be biased towards ease." The markets reacted posi-tively to yesterday's producer

price data. Traders dealing in interest rate futures scaled back their

expectations for higher rates. December short starling, a guide to expectations of rates at the end of the year, rose slightly, and although ana-lysts said rates on prime three-month deposits were still expected to be higher in December than the 5.75 per ent base rate, they were now expected to be lower than a

week ago. But the British Retail Con-

strengthened significantly even before Mr Clarke took the increase was the second biggest on record. The average growth rate over the last three months the City by surprise with last

week's rate cut. Spending on the high stree level was only bettered by the 7.5 per cent growth in March, believed to have been artifirose by 6.2 per cent in May compared with the corre-sponding time last year and

#### Producer price inflation

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## **BA to unveil** deal with **US** airline

### Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Airways and American Airlines are expected today to announce plans to establish a wide-ranging book-ing and marketing alliance which has already provoked threats of "open war" from their rivals, The move is likely to fall

foul of regulatory scrutiny, as competitors line up against what would be the most powerful inter-carrier alliance in dominate the transatiantic market, with two-thirds of traffic between Britain and the US.

The alliance would join the worldwide reach of BA, the biggest international carrier, with American's unparalleled route network in the US and Latin America.

The news, which leaked out in the US yesterday, was received with caution by anaysts. Both carriers have been discussing the plan for a year, but regulators in the US and Britain could force them to give up so many routes that final agreement would be

impossible. BA refused to comment about the leaks, but Hans Mirka, senior vice-president of American's international division, said that if American and BA tried to link oper-ations, winning the approval of both governments could be a lengthy process.

Shares in Bank

of Scotland slide

Virgin Atlantic Airways, the No 3 carrier between the US and Britain, threatened "open warfare" against the al-liance. Delta Airlines, with which BA is also talking, said it would oppose the alliance unless Britain and the US signed an "open skies" agreement, giving greater access to coveted slots at Heatbrow the most important airport in the world for international connections.

US negotiators say any "open skies" agreement would have to include greater access for its carriers because BA controls 40 per cent of the slots. Talks between the British and American govern-ments are still bogged down. The success of the venture rests on the ability of BA and

American to obtain immunity from US anti-trust laws so they can pool information on prices. Keith McMullan, director of

Avmark International, an aviation consulting firm in Lon-don, said BA and American have been in talks about forming a joint venture which could ultimately be used to pool the assets of their North Atlantic divisions.

One of the crucial factors in the debate is the impact such a move would have on USAir. another American carrier, in which BA has a 24.6 per cent share. Mr McMullan said this would not be affected, but if it went ahead, the tie-up could "exart some control over prices and capacity on the North Atlantic."

lion, down £73 million on the HARES in Bank of Scot-Sland fell 7 per cent yes-terday after Standard Life Assurance ended months of speculation about a take-

over of Scotland's premier bank by announcing that it would sell "a substantial part" of its 32.2 per cent stake in the bank to a range of in-

vestors. Since Standard Life, the which amounts to 5 per cent UK's largest mutual life in-surer, said last month that it folio, was too large for a single sale, although it has in-

day. A banking analyst suggested that one reason Stan-dard had decided to sell its stake was fear that a Labour government windfall tax on benk profits would substan-tially reduce the value of the insurer's holding. Standard Life said it made

its decision after a four-week review. It had grown concerned that the investment, which amounts to 6 per cent

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was 4.1 per cent, and the May

cially boosted by Easter. According to the survey

furniture and carpet sale

continued on an upward trend thanks to the improving

housing market. DIY store

with gardening sections had an excellent month.

"Despite being one of the

coldest months of May on re-

cord, retail sales maintained

their recent encouraging

growth and appear to be bene-fiting from some increase in consumer confidence." said

he consortium's economic af-

fairs committee chairman, Andrew Higginson, He wel-

comed last week's interest

stake, in order to diversify into other investments, the City has been anticipating a bid for the bank should the entire holding be sold to a

Traty May

single buyer. News that the sale would be a widely marketed secondary offering sent shares in the 300-year-old institution down resigned from Standard's board on the original an-nouncement, said: "Natuby 21.5p to 243p at one stage. wiping \$219 million off its rally, we are sad that Stan-dard Life has decided to market value. The shares recovered to 247p, valuing

#### News in brief

### Rebel Names call special meeting

Standard's stake at £970 mil- | reduce its stake."

REBEL Names at Lloyd's of London have called an extraordinary general meeting to demand significant improvements to the market's proposed £3.1 billion compensation deal, which is due to be finalised in the next few weeks. The egm will take place immediately after the annual meeting on July 15. The Names are demanding more money and a 2 per cent levy on the profits of the ongoing Lloyd's market for the next 15 years.

Lloyd's is increasingly confident, however, that most Names favour its proposals. A Lloyd's spokesman said: "We do not believe it is possible to make any futher major alterations to the plan." - Pauline Springett

#### Price wars wound Salvesen

THE UK supermarket wars have helped trim Christian Salve-sen's profits from £77.7 million to £76.6 million in the year to March. Its logistics division, which delivers for Sainsbury among other food groups, saw operating profits cut by £1.8 million to £41.4 million

power control division raised its operating profit by 19.5 per cent to £10.7 million. The volume of processing business at the group's food services division fell 12 per cent in the summer drought and profits slipped by £1.5 million to £6.6 million. --- Tony May

#### N&P members favour cash

NATTONAL & Provincial Building Society members have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a cash rather than a share windfall, when their society is taken over by the Abbey National in August. Nearly 80 per cent of the 850,000 long-term investors opted for cash. Some 35 per cent of the £1.35 billion Abbey is paying for N&P will be distributed to members in shares. - Teresa Hunger

#### **Berisford prospects mixed**

BERISFORD said second-half prospects for its two core businesses, Welbilt food services and Magnet building products, were mixed. After announcing a 7 per cent rise in profit to \$11.9 million for the half-year to March 31, John Sclater, the chairman, said that in Britain the building products market remained depressed while there were tentative signs of an in-crease in domestic kitchen sales. — Tony May

#### Housing recovery patchy

THE recovery in the housing market remained patchy last year. This recovery in the notating for one in seven transactions, according to the Land Registry, which yesterday published its first annual report on property prices. After London, Hampshire and the West Midlands recorded most sales, followed by Essex, Kent and Lancashire. Surrey was the most expensive area, with an average bone costing £113,368, against the London average of £96,028. Cheapest areas included South Yorkshire. with a £47,681 average, and Humberside, £43,000. — Tenso Hunter

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## Low inflation is not enough, say international bankers

#### MARK MILNER reports from Basle on how people in the industrialised world are affected by job insecurity

OW inflation, the pros- | capital and efforts to cut government deficits "are pect of at least modernow interacting powerfully in ways that, although sure ate economic growth has failed to generate a "feel good" factor in the industrito create wealth over time. may threaten job security alised world because of conin the near term". tinuing job insecurity. ac-Two of the key issues which need to be addressed cording to the Bank for International Settlements.

quickly by the industrial-ised world — fiscal deficits In its annual report, out yesterday, the BIS warns that a combination of comand labour market rigidipetition from emerging ties - will add to deflationeconomies, technological ary pressures, according to changes, a lower cost of the Basle-based bank.

rates within the European Union - it acknowledges that such flexibility is not an answer in itself to worries about job security. It cites the example of the US: "In spite of a long history of market liberalisation and record profit levels (in the US) in 1995. corporate announcements

of takeovers, mergers and lay-offs continue unabated. Even though highly flexible labour markets have kept the overall unemployment rate down, the pre-

But while the BIS argnes vailing atmosphere of job in interest rates in the UK remain under pressure insecurity may well have insecurity may well have contributed to the recent for push up US borrowing contributed to the subject to push up US borrowing large, unpredictable price flexibility is necessary in Europe - not least to offset the hardening of exchange mands and consumer spending." Though the bank is clear-

ly pleased by the contain-ment of inflationary pressures, it warns against complacency. In Europe. for example, "if the rate of structural

unemployment does not decline, with associated dangers of social unrest, pres-sures could arise for an inflationary solution" Andrew Crockett, BIS general manager, was diplomatic yesterday when

ago. Unigate has recently

spent another £31 million on three small add-on acquisi-

tions to Malton, and the div-

"continue to be subject to large, unpredictable price swings". to push up US borrowing costs. "In the UK it is obvious that there is scope for differing views as to what

the balance of risks are in the future," he said. As to the US: "The Federal Reserve has shown itself ready in recent years to take pre-emptive action to prevent inflationary risks becoming manifest."

Though the world's financial system was able to ab-sorb the shocks of the Mexican crisis, the collapse of Barings and the trading

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In stark contrast, the

It sounded a a note of warning about "a renewed appetite for risk on the part of investors, which seeme to be prompted by the general reduction in bond

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lomatic yesterday when losses at Daiwa, the BIS be-asked about the recent cut lieves that banking systems

yields ... the potential for an abrupt change in this ap-petite for risk should not be understimated " • German joblessness fell by a less-than-expected 7,000 in May, the govern ment said, as weak

nomic growth continued to weigh down the labour 

## Foods bring home the bacon at Unigate Kleinwort

#### Outlook/Heavv

restructuring leaves group cash rich and refocused, writes Pauline Springett

HE restructuring is al-most complete and the hunt is on for the next round of acquisitions. The City yesterday gave Unigate credit for a set of results which were broadly in £114.3 per cent

line with expectations, and a strategy that is starting to look properly focused. Unigate has reorganised it-

self into two core divisions: foods and distribution. To achieve this it has sold off businesses outside these core areas, many of which were

Inderperforming anyway. In the past year, Unigate's main disposal was of its 29 per cent slice of Dutch foods group Nutricia. It had owned the stake since 1981 but had lately decided it could probably make more money, and have more control, by invest-

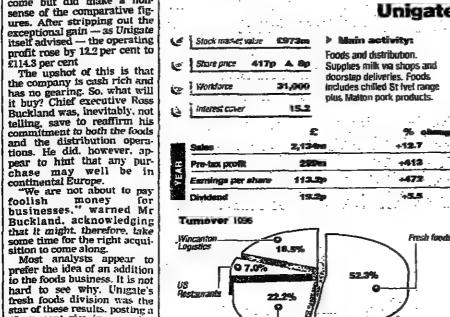
ing elsewhere. The Nutricia sale earned a profit of £212.5 million. During the year. Unigate also sold its Giltspur exhibitions busi-ness, for a profit of £22 mil-49 per cent rise in operating profits to £49.3 per cent. lion. More recently, it has also found a buyer for the US Black-eyed Pea restaurant chain. That is expected to ivel chilled toods business, as well as the Malton bacon. make a loss on sale of nearly

260 million but it will help the | ham and pork processing | to £180 million three years | pork ribs to the US. Americompany clear its decks of un-wanted businesses. Unighte is now hoping to find a buyer for its main remaining US restaurant chain. Taco COLLUSINY. Mr Buckland is clearly very proud of Malton, which now generates more sales than Un-

The net gains on disposal added up to a whopping £174.9 million. This was clearly welcome but did make a non-sense of the comparative fig-

The division includes the St

igate's traditional business of ision shows no sign of selling liquid milk. Malton's stopping sales are currently running at C550 million a year, compared



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### shake-up for troubled

Euro fund KLEINWORT Benson yes-terday announced a long-awaited shake-up of its trou-

But the group has diversified, and its Aggreko temperature and bled European Privatisation

it was bought from Barclays Benk for 2155 million in 198 A joint statement said Bank of Scotland would assist Standard Life in carrying out a secondary offering. Bank of Scotland governor Sir Bruce Pattullo, who

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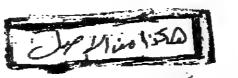
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substantial discount to asset value at which the fund's shares trade. Under the plan, Kleinwort will replace 60 per cent of the fund's existing shares with convertible loan stock, aimed at addressing what it called

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the "oversupply" of shares in the market. Kepit was one of two funds launched in 1994 aimed at cashing in on the European privatisations. The other was launched by Mercury, and together they raised more than £1 billion and attracted more than 100.000 small in vestors.

Despite the problems, most of Unigate's 2,400 milkmen are likely to be with us for the foresceable future, if only for the very good business reason that, of the 4.8 million pints of milk the company sells each day in the UK. 2 million are

stopping. One of Malton's more recent successes is exporting to £35 million. This was, how-ever, predicted, thanks to the recent successes is exporting dual blows of declining door step milk sales, plus the squeeze on prices being ex-Unigate erted by the supermarkets. Unigate conceded that it is

virtually powerless to fight the supermarkets, which use milk as a loss leader. The company is hoping that this will change and that the supermarkets will alter course and try to make more

money out of milk. Doorstep milk sales are cur-rently failing at the rate of 12.2 per cent a year but Uni-gate was quick to stress that this was a slower rate of de-cline than last August, when

sales were falling by 18 per cent a year. The company reduced its glass bottling capacity by closing a plant in Bournemouth last November, and Mr Buckland said there would be more closures this year, although he declined to

go into details. However, following poor performances from many European privatisation stocks, the two funds have traded at significant dis counts to net asset value.

Yesterday's news sent Kepit shares up hip to 921 p. against the net asset value of 108p. delivered to the door.

Trust (Keplt), the £500 million fund it launched in a blaze o publicity two years ago. Kleinwort, which was attacked by furnous investors at Kepit's annual meeting in January, said the proposals were intended to narrow the The Guardian Tuesday June 11 1996

**Rugby Union** 

## **Unilateral England** set the TV agenda

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NGLAND's homewith BSkyB after Twickenham's announcement yesterday that they would go it alone with a five-year deal alone with a five-year deal with the satellite company worth £87.5 million, an agree-ment that puts the future of the Five Nations Champion-ship in jeopardy. The deal runs from the be-ginning of the 1997-8 season and is for exclusive television rights to all international

rights to all international representative and club games in England. The deal allows terrestrial television, almost certainly the BBC, whose three-year £27 million agreement runs out at the end of next season, to broadcast

matches viewers are able to see live in England, ITV having a separate deal for the competition, which is also being hosted by Wales.

Twickenham's unilateral stance has angered Wales, Scotland and Ireland, who still have the chance to negotiate their own separate deals with BSkyB. But Wales have been offered £40 million and Scotland and Ireland £18 million each by the satellite com-pany, which only last week agreed a £670 million deal for Premiership soccer and has recently begun an £87 million deal for five years of Super League rugby league. Vernon Fugh, chairman of the WRU and the Interna-

tional Board, said from Australia yesterday: 'It is with great regret that one finds England acting in this way. The deal is against the tradition of a great tournament."

Edward Jones, the WRU's secretary, said: "The unilateral sale of broadcasting rights is regretted. The Five Nations Championship does However, media observers not belong to one union but is the property of all."

There were rather less dip-lomatic warnings from elsewhere, however. Fred McLeod, the Scottish repre-sentative on the Five Nations committee, said: "We are pretty confident England will



It is with great regret that one finds England acting in The games in England in the 1999 World Cup could be the last terrestrial television

> be asked to make alternative arrangements for season 1997-98... it will have inev-itable consequences for the format of the Five Nations Championship." The incoming Irish RFU president Bobby Deacy de-scribed the development as

"immense and tragic" and po-tentially "the point of no return" for the tournament. National and the FA Cup McLeod, who is also the SRU vice president, added: "I would like to make it clear to the RFU that this decision will jeopardise matches at all age-group levels, not just full international matches. They will also now have difficulties finding match officials."

The row does not involve France, who have always ne-gotiated their own Five Nations deal with television channels in their own country. France's present agreement runs until 1999 and they therefore outil not

were yesterday making the point that if Wales, Scotland and Ireland were to offer the BBC rights to future Five want deals with the Celtic

David Elstein, BSkyB's head of programming, said: "We have made an offer to the other unions and they can sell the rights of their home matches. The offers we have made are proportionate. The other unions have a tremendous asset to sell; they should now pick up the baton." Elstein said that pay-for-view was not part of the new deal and that system was not discussed in the negotiation. The RFU argues that it had

to act in a unilateral way to help fund the professional game and it also has to pay off an outstanding loan of £34 million for the rebuilding of

Twickenham. David Robinson, the RFU's treasurer, said: "Last week our TV working party was unanimous that we had to go forward with BSkyB. We have to look after the financial af-fairs of our union and its members." Tony Hallett, the RFU's sec-

retary, said: "We've gone

through the post-revolu-tionary era of the profes-sional game. We have no wish to leave the Five Nations. We are committed to it and to making sure the benefits from this deal stretch throughout the game from international level to the grass roots." Hallett denied the deal

would lead to the "listing" of the competition, leading to the Government protecting it final, which are still the preserve of terrestrial channels. But there will be wide

spread anger at the deal in England as well as the rest of Britain. The Five Nations Championship has been the televised shop window of the game for 30 years and this sale will effectively pull a

blind down on that window to sell the goods in a yard be hind the shop. The WRU was also last night casting doubt on the future of an Anglo-Welsh club competition due to begin next season. Yesterday's deal, which does not cover a new European competition, has the television rights for

the television rights for Anglo-Welsh games in Eng-land but not matches hosted by Welsh clubs. The Welsh have all along argued that the broadcasting rights and sponsorship deals should be divided equally.



England's coach Phil Lar-der intended to name his side der intended to name his side yesterday but was forced to delay it until this morning be-cause of a lengthy injury list. He might need to do some shuffling of the pack and that could propel Sculthorpe into the front line, when ideally larger would probably here Larder would probably have preferred to ease him in from the bench. But the richly talented Sculthorpe shows a ma-turity beyond his years and would not be overawed. Among the injured are the

captain Andy Farrell, who was due to become England's youngest captain. If he fails to play, his club Wigan col-league Shaun Edwards would take over.

Edwards, who missed most of England's World Cup camof England's world Cup cam-paign last year because of in-jury, was not selected in the original squad but was drafted in when St Helens' Bobbie Goulding withdrew because of a cracked collarbone.

The other Wigan players to pick up injuries in the 18-18 draw with London Broncos on Sunday were Jason Robin-son, Gary Connolly and Mick Cassidy, whose damaged rib makes him the least likely to play. Halifax's Karl Harrison and Keighley's Daryl Powell complete the doubifuls.

der was unable to run through some of his drills yes-terday but was philosophical. "It is virtually impossible for players to train on a Monday after a Sunday game any way," he said. "That's the

nature of the game. "There are difficulties in trying to prepare a team for a midweek fixture and Super League is so intense at the moment. But I'm sure the French team [also due to be named today] are in a similar situation and the Welsh have

got problems as well." Wales, the European cham-pions, won last week's open-It was the first time the Sonics had lost three successive games all seaing match against France in son. No team has ever Carcassonne and meet Eng-recovered from a 3-0 deficit land for what could prove the decider in Cardiff this month.

## **SPORTS NEWS 13 Rugby League**



#### Paul Fitzpatrick

Playear-old Warrington back-row, looks poised to make his England debut in the European Championship game with France at Gates-head tomorrow.

Because of the injuries, Lar-

#### Racing

## **Derby betting** takes a dive

#### Graham Rock

HE debate to decide which day the Derby should be run will continue until a decision is made next week, but all major book-makers are now advocating a return fo Wednesday and pro-visional betting figures from Coral's suggest that off-course wagering on the world's most famous Flat race last Satur-day declined by 10 per cent

from the previous June. A year ago, the Derby was switched to Saturday, and the turnover then was 14 per cent turnover then was 14 per cent less than when the Derby had been run on Wednesday in 1994, effecting a total reduc-tion of approximately 23 per cent in two years.

Considering the race had to compete for punters' atten-tion with the England-Swituon with the England-Swit-zerland Euro 96 match, the figures are acceptable. A Sat-urday Derby without the competition of a major sporting championship should be able to recover the lost ground in a year or two, given robust marketing.

marketing This Saturday the biggest betting race will be the Wil-liam Hill Trophy at York. Piv-otal featured on many lists of horses to follow for the Flat season and Sir Mark Prescott's promising sprinter is set to carry joint top-weight with Warning Time, but the Newmarket trainer is more likely to wait for Royal Ascot. Having won races at New-

castle and Folkestone in good style last autumn to earn an official rating of 104, Pivotal has the scope to progress

"I have declared him at York more as a precaution," Prescott said. "If the ground further. at York is good or easier and the going at Ascot looked likely to be very firm, then I might run him on Saturday. Otherwise he would wait for the Cork and Orrery Stakes on Thursday."



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Brian Meehan's Warning Time, the joint top-weight, has an alternative engage-ment at Sandown on Saturday and an entry for the Jersey Stakes. If both colts defected Dashing Blue would head the handicap and the weights would rise by 4lb. William Hill have installed

Pivotal 6-1 joint favourite with Willie Jarvis's React, who finished third in a Newmarket Listed Fillies' race earlier in the month. Inevitably, Saturday's sprint will be highly competi-tive but, sifting through the

field, one of the most interest-ing runners is Major Quality. James Fanshawe's colt has James Fanshawe's bolt has run only three times, all over five furlongs, but judging by the way he was staying on when a good second to Fond Embrace at Haydock last month he should be suited by the extra distance and is atthe extra instance and is at tractively priced at 14-1. The going will be fast at both of today's meetings, but that should be no impediment to Stately Dancer (2.30) at Salisbury. Following several promis-ing runs, Geoff Wragg's filly recorded her first victory on identical ground over 10 fur-identical ground over 10 fur-

longs at today's course when winning a 12-runner maiden by threequarters of a length from Tart. By Be My Guest out of a Dancing Brave mare, the pro-Dancer gressive Stately Dancer should not be troubled by the extra two furlongs this afternoon and has a sound opportunity to follow up off a rating of 74 on her first venture into handicap company. Lindsay Charnock faces a stewards' inquiry at York on

Friday following an incident involving fellow jockey Nicky Carlisle at Pontefract Charnock will be asked to yesterday. explain his use of the whip in the home straight on the unplaced Elite Bliss, who had been involved in some serious scrimmaging on the home

Shortly afterwards, Char-nock pulled his whip into his left hand and appeared to raise it in the direction of Carlisle, who was riding the also-unplaced Kadari. The stewards were unable to hold an inquiry into the incident as Charnock had left the course to ride at Warwick.

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#### **EURO 96**

#### Group B: Romania 0, France 1

## **France select cruise control**

### Mike Walker at St James' Park

HE unbeaten run of sames that has seen France emerge as one of the most powerful in Europe was ezforces tended to 24 last night.

A 22nd-minute goal from Christophe Dugarry, his 12th for his country, was enough to take France past the team they feared most in this

group: the Romanians. They featured no English-based players although that is hardly an indication of any poverty of talent. Instead they began with six men who will perform in Serie A, that is if Zidane's transfer to Juventus definitely goes through.

cosmopolitanism Such failed to faze the Romanians. who had only two players from their domestic league. In the first five minutes alone they had three shots, from Hagi, Munteanu and Lacatus. the latter being one of the two Steaua Bucharest players on the pitch.

Lacatus is a familiar name. Familiarity with a name, however, does not mean his movements can be predicted and he was scythed down three times in the opening quarter of an hour.

Amazingly, considering the refereeing so far in this tour nament, no Frenchman was booked but in the 30th minute, when Di Meco upended Lacatus once more, the yellow card was finally shown.

At this point the much talked-about French attack the one that could do without Cantona and Ginola, had not been seen. It was all to change rapidly, Stelea, the Romanian keeper, only had to deal with a back-header from Petrescu, but in the 22nd minute Djor kaeff latched on to a Des champs nod forward, swiv lled and hit a volley that had

Stelea at full stretch. Encouraged, the French took the lead 60 seconds later. This time Djorkaeff was the provider, slinging in a hope-ful cross that Dugarry, under pressure from two defenders, did well to get to.

However, his far from brilliant header would not have caused Stelea any problems had he stayed on his line. Unfortunately for him, he had | tended France's lead shortly chosen to come for the cross

Probably concerned at how France settled at once and with Deschamps orchestrat-ing affairs from the centre, the Romanian influence had waned, their manager Anghel Iordanescu took off the ineffective Raducioiu at half-time for Moldovan and then, somethey began to develop cohe-sive teamwork to add to their what surprisingly, replaced Lacatus with Ilie. It did little impressive individual skills. Hagi countered with shots either side of Lama's posts alto interrupt the French mothough Deschamps almost exmentum though, and had Karembeu made any sort of connection with Guerin's cross before the break with a volley

at White City. where 99 per cent of tickets were sold. At

receipts.

they would have been two ahead. Following that, only excellent defending by Popescu and Lupescu pre-vented openings created by Djorkaeff and Zidane being converted into goals. Try as he might, Hagi just could not lift those around him and when he did manage decisive foot in. Even a fierce

ably claimed by Lama. they Perhaps sensing needed a second goal to kill the game off, the French withdrew Dugarry and brought on their league's leading scorer Loko. It almost worked imme diately as Loko ran at Mihali, left him on the floor, but then to put Moldovan in via a typi-cal dagger pass, Blanc got a he chose to shoot. It was the wrong choice.

man to make such a decision on a night when more single-minded attacking would surely have yielded more goals. The Spanish, who face France next, will not have liked what they saw.

Ramenie: Steles; Belodedici, Mihsil, Selymes, Lupescu, Munteanu, Hagi, Lacatus, Ruda Pranes: Lama; Bianc, Di Meo

The Guardian Tuesday June 11 1996

## **Collins** causes handball row

midfielder's display

NYBODY who doubted the wisdom of AS Monaco's deci-sion to invest £3 million in John Collins last month should have seen his performance at Villa Park yesterday. The little midfielder is already regarded by the Scotland manager Craig Brown as "the best

sional anybody could work with" and his fitness and readiness to compete were evident from the ear-Blessed with what modern coaches call "a great engine", Collins also possesses what an earlier gen eration called "an educated left foot". He uses it both to s accurately and take the ball from opponents. There is little doubt that

his mastery of the impecca-bly timed challenge helped tland through the open ing 15 minutes yesterday, when the Dutch threatened

to blow them away. He had made an equally telling contribution after seven minutes, when he knocked a shot off the line with his left arm. The transgression went mno-ticed, much to the chagrin of Holland's manager Guus Hiddink. "It was definitely handball and even Collins admitted ft." he said. "But the referee was standing in a very bad position. At in-ternational level you have to see things like that. It was a big and bad

mistake. The Chelsea striker John Spencer was unimpressed with the Dutch bleating. "If they say they deserved to win, it's up to them," he beat us."

said "They can moan and bitch all they want, but at the end of the day they've got a point and we've got a draw.

point. "Three days before this match, on the strength of match, or the strength of Holland's victory over the Republic of Ireland, they were supposed to be the best team in the world. The press in England were say-

Patrick Glenn on the Dutch storm that overshadowed the midfielder's display The controversy should

not detract from Collins's contribution. He was still taking the ball from opponents and spraying it around when the referee blew the final whistle. It was not for nothing that he was hugged like a return-ing son by Brown at the finish.

As for the manager him self, he should perhaps buy a crystal ball and spend his mers at the end of a pier. His prediction that Group A would be "more open than most people imagine" is becoming more chillingly accurate with each game.

He had also said that his players had fitness, resolve and resilience on their side. and that is exactly what transpired. The Scots exploited their strength, which is durability, and de-served to take the point.

Brown was tickled to death by it all. "It was a fighting, organised perfor-mance, which we knew we would need against a team of Holland's talent," he said. "But, hopefully, we will play better from middle to front in order to

get into the quarter-finals. There may have been an element of luck. but I would prefer to put it down to good defending and organisation. I'm convinced we will improve be-cause of the confidence we

will take from this result. "It's on to Wembley on Saturday now and we're very happy about that. I'm not claiming we'll beat Eng-land, but I'm convinced they will find it hard to

Brown also revealed that his decision to change the three-man defence to a flat back four had been taken the moment he heard the

"Because the Dutch play two wingers, we had to do that. Our players were a lit-tle uneasy about it when I told them, because they are used to the 3-5-2 set-up. But they coped very well."



## **Supporters blame FA** over empty seats

into an empty net.

#### John Duncan

UPPORTERS yesterday Association for their handling of ticket sales for Euro 96, which they say has led to the embarrassing empty spaces seen at Elland Road and Old Trafford for the

first-round games there. "I would pinpoint the FA," said Debbie Ralls, the Foot ball Supporters Association Manchester Euro 96 coordinator, 'for the way they have sold and priced tickets. It is the FA Cup semi-final flasco all over again, with empty spaces for a big match because supporters have been priced out of it."

However the FA was quick to defend itself, pointing out that 90 per cent of tickets have been sold and that that total is increasing, with nine of the 27 remaining games sell-outs and four nearly sold "You have to see the out prices in context," said John Wray, the FA spokesman in Leeds. "For the British Grand Prix tickets range from £57 entry to £115 for the grandstand, or the England v New Zealand one-day match were £22 to £42. You have to look at the importance of the competition and the quality of play and if you do that I don't

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ment director Glen Kirton, "and that is 20 per cent more than we projected. We expect that the limited number of NEARLY 10 million people watched ITV's coverage of England's faltickets remaining will be snapped up quickly as the

tering start to the Euro 96 tournament progresses." The FSA says this will be campaign against Switzer-land, writes Andrew Culf. difficult, however, because of The network achieved a peak audience of 9.9 milthe way tickets are sold. The Euro 96 ticket hotline is usuion (a 77 per cent share of all TV viewers) for the Wembley game. The aver-age audience was 3.5 mil-lion, according to unofficial ally engaged and elsewhere tickets can only be bought in person from some grounds. The FA revealed that 4.000 people with tickets for the

industry figures. Channel 4's coverage of the Derby at Epsom took a hammering, with audi-ences peaking at just 2.1

sold. So you have a substan-tial number of people with tickets who didn't come." million. The lure of Euro 96 for armchair fans was empha-The FSA says that the FA could sell the tickets on the day if they reduced prices. "If they want to fill the stadium sised with unofficial fig-ures for Sunday's matches. Spain v Bulgarla on ITV peaked at 5.7 million, while BBC1 scored peak audi-ences of 7.2 million for Ger-many v Czech Republic and they could reduce the prices now." said Ralls. However Euro 96 compares favourably with the 1966 World Cup, where the best 8.0 million for Denmark v Portugal. attended game in percentage terms was France v Uruguay

Romania v Bulgaria, are in the higher categories. Prices range from £15 to £45 for games away from Wembley.

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think the price is too high." However the vast majority of the tickets unsold, includ-ing the 11.979 out of 35.000 for

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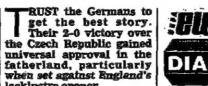
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When set against implants a lacklustre opener. "Wunderbar." crowed Bildzeitung, the best-sell-ing tabloid, which commore than 90 per cent of the 1.4 million tickets for the bined its praise with a few cheap shots at the English: tournament," said the tourna-"They wanted to celebrate the greatest triumph since the World Cup victory of 1966. But the English, who view themselves as the inventors of football, are al-ready on their backs," it

said While Bild indulged in typical tub-thumping -"Berti that was great fun. Two great goals and Germany are now tournament favourites" — the lofty Frankfurter Allgemeine Germany v Czech Republic game did not bother to turn up. David Meek, the Euro 96 Manchester spokesman, said: "We only had \$,700 tickets unalso got stuck into Eng-land: "A host has never left his own party so quickly. It was like a flight. The play-ers with the three lions on their chest ran for the cellars. The supporters made a beeline for the Tube. The holy temple of football belonged to 7,000 Swiss. In Prague the Czech Republic's defeat was greeted with resignation. "Worse than losing was our bad performance." thun-dered the beadline in the

#### Scots take Dutch courage at Villa Park

Wembley, where England were based, 96 per cent of the available tickets were sold and Old Trafford sold only 55 Continued from back page blocking Bergkamp's shot with his legs after McCall had thwarted De Kock. Scotland per cent. Overall ticket sales were 80 per cent. Then, too, tickets were considered very had managed to restore some expensive; the average price was 19.21: and the tournaparity even though Holland always looked the more likely to score. ment broke world records for Spencer gave Scotland an

Martin Wainwricht odds: extra sharpness up front after replacing Booth at half-time. Two football fans were camping in lonely splendour last night on an £81,500 site in but neither he nor Durie seri-

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Germany salutes its own

The country's national sports daily, Sport, had much more fun writing about the English *babbici* (bobbies). "The *babbici* quite liked the fact that both the Czech and Germanfans were taking pictures of them - they even lent their strange helmets to fans posing for photos." Rather perversely, the paper con-cluded: "In this respect we beat the Germans. because the English policeman is more popular with Czechs than Germans".

There was pain in Spain where the press was unimbad performance," thun-dered the beadline in the country's biggest-selling daily, Mlada Fronta Dnes.

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not deserve the game that England played against Switzerland. They are long with the ball and short on ideas. Gascoigne has lost himself in a sea of injuries, beer and lack of control. million managers of its national team, it takes a What we have now is a slow brave or foolish man to pluck and overweight midfleld

player." In Sofia news of Bulgar ia's draw overshadowed the latest government crisis and the bread and petrol shortages. Standart News even suggested that the Prime Minister had deliber-ately replaced four ministers on the eve of the game so that no one would notice. Trud produced the day's most downbeat intro — "The Bulgarians failed to avail themselves of the knockout and this resulted in a draw" - while 24 Chasa was more concerned with the supporters, printing a picture of a Bulgarian fan drinking beer in a pub

with two Spaniards. The caption read: "Both groups of fans find the coffee and soup undrinkable in Leeds so they have no choice but

rived in the 63rd minute when Billy McKinlay, who had replaced Gallacher, found him unmarked to his left

Kock and Bogarde. Even so, the Scottish support filling the bulk of the Holte End had Durie, however, miscued. moments to cheer: as early as Scotland spent the rest of the match redoubling their efforts to save it. and Seedorf seemed determined to lend a hand. Having bounced a free header over the bar carly in the second half, he saw Col lins block his close-rance shot with only four minutes to go. A courageous and intelli performance by Scot

> need both qualities in abun dance on Saturday. HOLLAND: Van der Sar, Reuten, De Kock Brgerde, R de Boor (Winter Gömin) Soetiar, Davids, Wischep (Gout, 77) Taument (Riuhent, 84), Berghamo, CruyM SCOTLANDE Goram; McXimmin Bulley, 841 Caldormood Hendry, Boyd, Gallachto

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#### line, adding that "Spain was only saved on their debut by Alfonso's lucky goai". El Mundo called it "Spain without light". El Pais reserved its poi-son pen for England. Sacchi treads a tightrope "Wembley was all pomp

and circumstance, a revered ground which did lan Ross on a nation questioning its

coach as Italy meet Russia today

N A country boasting 56 | Republic at the same venue, so allowing Gianfranco Zola of Parma and Pierluigi Casir-aghi of Lazio to dovetail up front. "Ravanelli needs to be patient," said Sacchi. from his pack three aces and cast them to the winds without a hint of regret. Predictably, the manager is

Italy open their Euro 96 campaign against Russia an admirer of German football. "I thought the Germans were extraordinary against the Czechs," he said, "Every today and, as ever, the man in charge is walking a perilously thin line between defication team has limitations but Germany has fewer than others. "It is vitally important that and vilification.

Erudite and thoughtful though he can be, Arrigo Sac-chi could hardly be said to be we open with a win," he added "The start is always one of sport's great communi-cators. He relies upon the fact uncertain. Teams tend to find the first game the most diffi-cult of all." that silence can paint its own Russia are comfortable

picture. Indeed, many of those Italwith the suggestion that ians who will pour into Anwhile they might make life difficult for Italy and Ger-many they may not be quite field this evening still await a definitive answer to the ques-tion that has tumbled from good enough to move into the tournament's latter stages. Latin lips since Sacchi omitted Roberto Baggio, Gianluca Their dismal performances Vialli and Guiseppe Signori in the 1994 World Cup finals from his 23-man squad. Channel 4's coverage of are best ignored for several players of note - including Serie A has elevated to promi-Everton's Andrei Kanchelskis nence a host of shaggy-haired. - refused to take part. unshaven players, yet those However, a change of coach

three names appear to have burrowed deepest into the British consciousness. has engendered a sense of unity. And if their discipline does not desert them Oleg Ro-mantsey's side could well be "Those seem to be the only

Italian players you English have heard of." said a Milagoing to the quarter-finals going to the quarter-itials rather than simply coming to make up the numbers. "We are very, very strong when going forward," said Kanchelskis. "We always look like the concerne but we do nese journalist yesterday. Understandably, Sacchi is fed up with having to point out that Baggio and Vialli are sliding towards retirement like we can score but we do have to learn how to tighten up at the back."

shaing towards retirement and Signori is ... well ... con-sidered not good enough. "What is done is done." said Sacchi yesterday. "I feel very close to Vialli in particu-lar. We have a long-standing friendship and I am very sym-nathetic towards him." friendship and I am very sym-pathetic towards him." Sacchi's pedigree is such that it is difficult to criticise his selection policies. Never a man to do the expected, he an-

nounced yesterday that the Juventus forward Fabrizio Ravanelli would not start today either.

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The grey-haired one is to be held in reserve until Friday's meeting with the Czech



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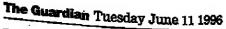
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strode through a gap on to Boyd's return pass and might have scored had he opted more for power than accuracy in trying to place the ball. Durie's only real chance ar-Group B Remainia (D) B



## **EURO** 96 **Uefa orders** referees to stay tough

Martin Thorpe

mockery of the European Championship when, instead of heeding warnings about the over-zealous use of yellow cards, it vowed to press on with its clampdown and fined those teams who had collected four or more cautions.

The first four games saw 30 yellow and two red cards, prompting concern that countries may run out of players in a tournament many fear is being turned into a no-tackle area.

ings issued by England's David El-leray in Monday's Group C game with Czechoslovakia by Johan branding some of the yellow cards "rather questionable. it wasn't a physical game. If this carries on I'll only be able to field nine men in our last

group match against Italy." There are also concerns that opposing players are ask-ing for opponents to be booked every time a free-kick portion to the spirit of fair is awarded and that the use of yellow cards is too

The figures are way ahead of the last tournament which saw just 12 yellows issued by the same stage. The first four games of the 1994 World Cup saw just 15 yellows and two

With two cautions or one dismissal leading to a onegame ban, it had been thought that yesterday's meeting be-tween Ueta and Euro 96 officials would order referees to rethink before a competition between the best players in Europe turns into one for the best reserves. Instead Uefa got even tougher. Following its practice of fin-

ing any team which accumulates four or more cautions in a game, Uefa docked Germany £4,000 and the Czech Republic £2.500. Switzerland were fined

22,000 for their four yellows against England. Spain, who had four players cautioned and Pizzi dismissed against Bulgaria, were fined £3,500.

The Bulgars, who had Houbt chev sent off and three booked, must pay £2,500 — the EFA yesterday same as Portugal for their risked making a five cautions against same as Portugal for their Denmark. As well as levying the fines

Lennart Johansson sent a let ter to the 16 finalists saying: "As president of Uefa, I ap peal to the delegations partici pating in Euro 96. Players should not only content themselves with wearing fair-play logos, but are also expected to display fair play in their

conduct." He added: 'I am concerned about the high numbers of vellow cards and the two red cards that the referees had to Germany's coach Berti Vogts reacted to the 10 book-of the tournament. Players - six to his side - are reminded of their commit ment to the Laws of the

> Johansson also promised no red light for yellow cards Referees shall continue to be firm in carrying out their

duty," he said. But the PFA chief executive Gordon Taylor argued that the problem was the cautions, not the fair play. "The num-ber of cautions is out of pro play that has existed in these games," he said. "People have paid good money to see good entertainment. The disap-pointment has been the num-ber of cards dished out."

The former referee Clive Thomas blamed Uefa for turn-ing referees into robots. "The referees are ruled by fear. There is no common sense be cause such a thing does not exist in the rule book. It wor ries me immensely what

have seen in the Champion ship so far. There is no con-sistency and the flow of the game is constantly inter-rupted. That's bad for everybody.

However, Johansson said that referees will get even tougher. "They have also been asked to act against de-laying tactics employed by players, such as carrying or kicking the ball away after the whistle of the referee," he immediately.

In the 1992 tournament not one player was dismissed. The 31 games saw 50



Wimbledon reunites a fading Swedish star with his British coach

**Edberg turns to Pickard again** 

David Irvine at Queen's Club 19-year-old American junior Justin Gimelstob 6-2, 6-7, 6-2 NAN attempt to mark his

final year on the men's tour with a third Wimble-don title, Stefan Edberg as the 16th Stella Artois grasscourt championships got under way here. has turned to his forme

Edberg, who retires in No-vember, looked anything but coach Tony Pickard. They are to start working together a prospective Wimbledon winner as he beat Britain's Danny Sapsford 6-4, 6-3 in a "I was there at the beginning and I'll be there at the low-key opening match he end," said the delighted 62-year-old former British Davis was happy to get out of the

Cup captain. "You can say the "It was a good match for m because Danny hits a lot of balls," said Edberg, pleased old team is back together again, but I'm not just there for the ride. Stefan realises that from the way he played in Paris [where he reached the fourth round] he has got a that Pickard had accepted the invitation to prepare him for Wimbledon.

"It's part emotional, part pratical," said Edberg. "He Since splitting with Edberg knows me better than anyone, but I'm playing well at the moment and I genuinely at the end of 1994 in a totally unicable end to a relationthink I have a chance. ship stretching back to 1983,

Czech left-hander Petr Korda, | tude is, and many would love | ternational on Sunday, but | his returns and his backhand who yesterday defeated the | to see the Swede add to the | the difference in pace of | passes. It showed He next titles he won in 1938 and 1990, no player of 30 or over has won the men's title since Arthur Ashe in 1975 — and second round in the past two second round in the past two the as somewhat depress. seasons. Last year he lost to It was a somewhat depress

Dick Norman, who got in as a lucky loser after falling to Sandon Stolle in the final hander Scott Draper beat round of qualifying. Worthing's 17-year-old wild At least Edberg, now on card Martin Lee 6-4, 6-1 on course to face the thirdseeded Goran Ivanisevic in the third round, could look rankings. back on a satisfying launch to

As the rankings had suggested, however, Greg Ru-sedski was able to salvage his farewell appearance here. Jeremy Bates, due to retire eome self-respect with a confi-dent 7-6, 6-3 victory over the Italian qualifier Laurence immediately after Wimbledon, was gone in an instant. The former British No. 1 won only three games as the American Jared Palmer Tieleman, a performance dot-ted with 14 aces and some crushed him 6-1, 6-2. Bates's confidence was high

Commendable as his atti- after winning the Wirral In- sedski has been working on Haggard.

passes. It showed He next faces Todd Woodbridge, to whom he lost badly in last mark year's Coral Springs final. "But that was on clay, so I'll

not be worrying about that". Two seeds bowed out. Adrian Voinea (No. 15) lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 to the French qualifier Daniel Courcol, a played world-ranked No. 202, while Jason Stoltenberg. among Manchester's grass-court winners, fell 6-2, 6-4 to

No.1 on the world junior Canada's Sebastien Lareau.

crisp volleying. Since the French Open Ru-

Today the top seed, Thomas Musier, who has lost in the opening round of all his four Wimbledon appearances, dressed persona of Megan Miller — Dominica-born, Florida-raised and based, but with a Yorkshire father faces Guillaume Raoux, a 7-6 6–1 winner over that notable giant-killer Nicolas Pereira. And Boris Becker, who

and a determination to make her name and fortune missed the French Open as a bona fide Briton. while resting an injury, opens against South Africa's Chris

India-born

The cosmopolitan 18-year-old won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 against Laxmi Poruri, an

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leading players. Yesterday the opening match here at the Priory Club produced

both a surprise and a home

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## **SPORTS NEWS 15**



**Martin Thorpe** favours Croatia in the Group D meeting of finals debutants

NE WAY to describe Turkey's task in taking on Croatis today might be "welcome to hell". For the Croats would have to be at their enigmatic worst to succumb to a shock of Galataa sweeper unit as watertight and adaptable as any: just five goals conceded in 10 qual-ifying games. The names saray-Manchester United pro-portions at the City Ground. But the Turks are nothing If not optimistic, "Don't write us off as one of the surprise teams," said their coach Fatih Terim. "We believe we can do not consistency — Boban, Boksic, Suker, Prosinecki. very well in these finals and The Turkish names are by-words for confusion because might even wear the crown." Those ready to dispute that

their players are known by their given name not their family name. So English fans would point to the fact that this is the first time Turkey have qualified for the Euromay see the sweeper Ogun Te-mizkanoglu referred to in the pean finals and they are alone media as Ogun or Temizkan-oglu, the side's lone striker Hakan Sukur as Hakan or Su-kur. He has a nickname, but in not having one player with a foreign club. That may change with a

successful run in Euro 96, but the Bull of the Bosphorus is not much more help. Neither first they must overcome a Croatia side who on their day is having a Sukur and a Suker on the pitch today. can slice through any team, not just Turkey. In qualifying they even won in Italy. But A win for either side would put them top of Group D the relationship between the total and the sum of their imgiven the draw between Den pressive parts has been an er-ratic one in the country's mark and Portugal, But though 20,000 fanatical fans will be cheering on their brief history and nothing can be taken for granted with the hard-working, counter-a

be taken for grantee with the men in the red and white chessboard shirts. Just look at the build-up they got for the friendly at beadline Turkish Delight.

#### Venables fights his corner

NGLAND's manager have been a very different story. There is no doubt upbeat mood yesterday as they should have had a penhe praised Scotland's per-formance yesterday and looked forward to their come out and I think the

visit to Wembley. "Scotland worked very hard for their point and it has put their tails up for Burnham headquarters, ready to resume training Saturday. But I would have thought they would have been up for that game whattoday, facing familiar ever the result they gained at Villa Park."

The Dutch, the inspira-tion for much of what Venables has tried to instill into his England set up, also impressed. "They also impressed. "They of suffering from nervous played some good stuff but they just didn't get the breaks in front of goal," he

said. "If they had it would write what they want."

Wembley. Only to disappoint again. The Croats learned from that goalless draw and decided the slow build-up that **Olympic Games** took them to the top of their qualifying group, ahead of Italy, needed to be applied quicker, more aggressively and with more confidence. This is one of the things they have been working on in

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Redgrave and training as they approach their first major champion-Pinsent look ship finals. At the back the English-based Bilic and Stifor a fourth mac form, along with Jerkan,

#### Christopher Dodd

pic qualifying race, plus the coxless pair Kate MacKenzie and Philippa Cross, and the sculler Guin Batten. STEVE REDGRAVE and Shis partner Matthew Pin-sent will spearhead Britain's rowing team for the Olympic Three events for light-weights are included in the

Games in Atlanta. The coxless pair, who are back in full training after missing the Lucerne regatta because of illness, are uncoxless fours. beaten since they won the Olympic title in 1992.

Olympic title in 1992. Victory would bring Red-grave his fourth gold in four Games, a feat unprecedented in rowing and matched by only four sportsmen in the 100 years of the Olympics. Britain's coxed-pair gold medallists from 1992, Greg and Jonny Searle, are named

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today, facing familiar media criticism. Some of it, particularly that directed at Paul Gascoigne, has been fuelled by an invented single quote by Venables accusing the Rangers star of suffering from nervous exhaustion. But Venables decided against trading blows with his critics, say-ing: "They must say and write what they want." GICKET SECOND XI CHANPIONSHIP (Today: 11.0): Restroad: Essex 438-3 (A J E Hib-bert Zitino, S D Peters 86, E Wilson 74) v Lancaphire. Horzikamis Sugger 286-8 dec (J W Hall 136, S Humphride 55), Somerset 32-0 Midistenses Surrey 210 Kant 65-2 Wilson Kaynee Northamphonshire 256 (D J Roberts 62, K J Innes 52, D J Sales 50) Leterstorshire 25-1, Pontarchalata Mid-diesea 135-5 v Glasnorgan, Portamontis Durham 29 (A Prail 83, Renshaw 5-21). Hampshire 137-5 Worksops Warwick-shire 317-7 dec CD J Loveft (DSno M A Sheukh 75) Notunghamshare 22-2

the right spirit world silver medallists. The women's team comwith Ghost prises the eight who lowered

the Lucerne course record last Saturday in their Olym-AN STARK, a member of the last three equestrian Olym-pic teams, will lead the squad of eight for the three-day events in Atlanta, writes John Kerr. The 42-year-old Scot is mak-

ing his comeback with Stan-wick Ghost, on which he im-Games for the first time and British crews will take part in two: the double sculls and the

CUSINESS TOTUS. CREAT SHITAIN: Heavyweight sten: Costess pairs 5 Rodgrave, M Pinsent Costess pairs 5 Rodgrave, M Pinsent Costess pairs 5 Rodgrave, M Pinsent Costess four A Obiol2er, J Saarie, G Seerie, T Fosip Heavyweight edith M Parrish, J Walker, A Storey, R Hamilton, R Brown, P Bridge, B Hund-Davis, G Smith, G Horbert (cost) Deable scutt P Haining-Lightweight castess four D Lenton, J McNeven, T Kay, B Helm, Doable scutt P Norange, A Finiton, Meanyweight somass Heavyweight edith A Statycon, L Eyre, D Blacke, R Politic, M Bathan, C Shylop, J Turvey, A Gill, S Ellis (cost). Coxiess pairs K Mackienzie, P Costa. Single scutt G Batten. Olympic rider and team gold and bronze medallist at the 1994 World Championships, rides Too Smart. Mary King another member of the 1994 team and also in the success-

in the coxless four with Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster. The four are the 1995 the right spirit eran The Cool Customer. Newcomers are Leslie Law with New Flavour, whom he started riding only last autumn and who was Brit-ain's best at Badminton last month when finishing fourth; William Fox-Pitt and his 1995 Bramham winner Cosmopoli-

tan II; Gary Parsonage on Magic Rogue; and Chris Hum-nable on Mr Bootsie. The non-travelling reserve is Lucy Jen-nings and Diamond Pedlar. The selectors' task is not pressed at last month's Bad-minton trials. He has won three silver medals and has yet over as for the first time been missing from recent British teams only because of the lack of a suitable horse. Karen Dixon, twice an Olympic diduction and the material because of will be made in Atlanta.

Three-day event squade C Bathy (The Cool Castomer), K Dison (Too Smart), W Fox-Piti (Cosmonolian II), C Hunnable (M Booteid), M King (King William), L Law (New Flavour), G Parsonage (Magic Rogue). I Stark (Stanwick Ghoat). Dressage teams J Bredin (Copido), R Davison (Aakari), Jockson (Mr Mouse), V Thompson (Enfant).

More gold bait entices coxless pair condition as Smith hots up

JOHN TANNER and Brian Smith are the unberalded cyclists in the five-strong British team for the Olympic road race in Atlanta.

Tanner, Britain's most consistent home-based rider, and Smith join the Olympic pur-suit champion Chris Boardman and the Derby-born Max Sciandri in the team. A fifth rider will be named

after the national road race championship on June 23. Graeme Obree. Scotland's

world pursuit champion, has already been named in the irack team. Yvonne McGregor is the women's pursuit hope and Marie Purvis, from the Isle of Man, will represent Britain in the women's road race.

higher in the world at 133. She was Miller's second significant victim in two days. On Sunday the quali-............................. fying event's top seed. Christina Papadaki, the world No. 170 from Greece, had fallen to the insistent double-handed ground strokes projected from both wings with piston gasps and squeaks reminiscent of Swindon junction on a busy

day. Though her style of play and its accompaniment will cause inevitable comparisons with Monica Seles, Miller carries nothing like the same weight of shot. However, she was more

consistent than Laxmi off the ground except at two vital moments. One came in the 20th game, when an over-hit forehand cost her the second set, and another occurred in the sixth game of the final set.

Miller broke twice to lead 3-0 in the third but went within a point of 3-3 when she put out another fore-hand drive from inside the service court and sank to her knees in squealing dis-belief. Had Miller lost the next rally she could well have lost the match, but she averted the second break back with a straight and brave backhand drive, held for 5-3 after some tough baseline exchanges, and

won the match with a top-spin lob. "I don't consider myself American in any way ex-cept I'm domiciled there," said Miller in a very American accent. "Every summer I came here and I always feel much more relaxed here. I love it."

She does perhaps have a less flimsy claim to genuine Britishness than Greg Rusedski or Monique Javer. having won national agegroup titles in this country

at 12 and 14. Will the British public accept her? "Th let my tennis do the talking for me," she said.

Wales have injury worries over their fouring capitan Jonathan Humphreys (hend), centre Leigh Davies (shoulder), scrush-all Robert Howiey (back) and prop chromes are over Jonathan and Leigh, subsouring. Jonathan's hand is very sore and wollen — Brugh there is not break — "Jonathan's hand is very sore and wollen — Brugh there is not break. — Hough both should be ii by nead week." Jonathan's hand is very sore and wollen — Brugh there is not break. — Hough the first time, with his nidtleid partner Thomas now the only workpresent in the squad, playing his fith consecutive game on box. For others the game players like Paul Arnold and Kingeley Jones can and in the Australia S and players like Paul Arnold and Kingeley Jones can thow what they can do a big match." — Web soperit a lot of time in today's physical training session concentrating on storing up a detence that has leaked? If they including it of galinia Australia Capital Territory and seven against the Walese. — TALMI: W Proctor (Llanelli); S Mill (Cardiff), G Thomase (Swasea), A Gore (Richmond); A Lewis (Cardiff), A Ghoa (Newtordge), If Lowis (Cardiff), A Gord, Honge (Cardiff), A Honge Cardiff), A Honge (Brugande, A momber of Britary Neght (Barmaey (Stefan Warkalia was hind) a Outbern in Frances (Brugatoship hish, 36 points clear of Francisco Bruni of hish (S points clear of Franc Miller could well become a British No. 1 of the future -but it may have to happen quickly: she is giving herself only one year of full-time play before deciding whether professional tennis is really for her or whether to continue her education with a degree in communications.

most certainly be on the other side of the Atlantic.

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ful squad at last season's MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHAP (Todey: 11.0): Millionis Cumberland 203-8 (S T Knox 51) and 20-0. Norfolk 202-5 (T J Boon 91, C J Rogers 75). Mystary Matthias (14-1): 4, Dativell Eg-press (11-7): 16 ran. 15. hd. (R Hannon) Tots: 54.60; 51.70, 51.00; 53.70; 51.90; Dual F: 258.35. Tric: 2586.80; CSF: 264.92; Tri-cast: 5585.64. 7-36 (ten 27): 1, Backletta, N Adams (7-2) ten' 1; 54 Faller (5-1): 13 ran. Dd-ht. 15. (Miss Gay Kelleway, 8 Dow) Tots: Shining Dancer 523.10; Bathata 52.30; 55.10; Dancer 523.10; Bathata 52.30; 55.80; Dual F: 555.10; Trice 556.20; CSF: 545.73 or 553.25. Tricest: 5164.80 or 5165.55; Basketball

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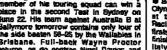
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Soccer BUROPEAN CHAMPIONSNEPS: Group C: Italy v Rusela (4.30, Antield), Group Di Turkey v Crostia (7.30, City Ground, Notlingham).



C Wales's rugby union coach Kevin Bowring has made it clear that any member of his buring equad can win a pisce in the second Test in Sydnay on June 22. His team ageinet Australia B at Ballymore tomorrow contains only lowr of the side beaten 59-25 by the Wallables in Brisbane. Full-back Wayne Proctor returns. as do centres Nigel Davies and Gareth Thomas and lock Derwyn Jones

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That, however, would al-

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# Sports Guardian

#### **EURO** 96

Group A: Holland 0, Scotland 0

### lost in **Scots take Dutch courage** the shadows

#### Goram and referee denv Holland an opening win

David Lacey at Villa Park

COTLAND. in spired initially by Goram, kept their nerve at Villa Park yesterday to face down an oddiy disparate Dutch side, leaving England to ponder still further the sig-nificance of reviving the old-est international fixture at Wembley on Saturday.

In forcing a goalless draw with Holland, the Scots have earned themselves a stake in the contest. They have met supposedly one of the best sides the European Champi-onship has to offer and survived. That must be good for morale, and a point is obvi-ously good for business.

All four teams in Group A now have one apiece, with England and Switzerland holding a slight advantage with their scoring draw. Yesterday Scotland looked capable of holding or even beating the Swiss, though for the rest of the week their thoughts will be fully occupied with the England match.

A similar approach if not a similar formation on Saturday would demand from Terry Venables's team reserves of strength and stamina conspicuously absent against Switzerland. Yester-day Scotland were strongest precisely in those areas where, two days earlier, Eng-land had faded.

Collins gave a masterful display in midfield. Of all the Scots he had the ability to create time and space to use the



and the differences

Arsenal out of ammunition ... Dennis Bergkamp stretches for the ball under the watchful eye of Scotland's Colin Hendry Photograph: SANTAGO LYON

hall intelligently, which he did for 30 minutes. McAllis-ter, whose natural role this that, for all his skill, Dutch it was Ronald de Boer, whole normally be, was more Davids did not become the who despite fitness worries familiar fluency was seen and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and fitness were denying Holland for the start for and superior tech-



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**Richard Williams** 

O WHAT do you think happened after Satur-day's match, when the jubilant Swiss fans finally abandoned Wembley's West Stand to the cleaners and Stuart Pearce had explained for the last time that there was absolutely no karmic connection between the penalty he had missed for England in Turin six years ago and the one he had given away that afternoon?

Here's what happened. Switzerland, whose support-ers had treated their 1-1 draw with the hosts as tantamount to a glorious victory, were told to report for training on Sunday morning. And England, to whom the draw represented a devastating blow, were given two days off to spend with their families. This one you truly couldn't make up. Ever since England's failure to qualify for the 1994 World Cup, and particularly since our clubs were annihilated in Europe last winter, a iot of thought has been expended on the many possible causes of the nation's failure to keep pace with the rest of the continent.

We play too many matches. We only train in the morning We don't control the players' diets. We let them drink been on Friday nights. All true, yet somehow not enough to explain such a vast and general falling-away. And definitely not the

reason behind Saturday's astonishing display. Here, in a single piece of anecdotal evidence, was as clear an illustra

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astonishing admission in the light of the facilities offered to him during the two-year period of preparation. Why were they tired? It's

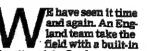
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true that our players don't train very rigorously or scien-tifically, and many of them certainly drink more alcohol than the average Serie A perstances they can be relied upon to last the full 90 minutes of a moderately paced game such as this one. The problem goes beyond simple explana-tions, which is why a 48-hour break will have made no

It seemed to me that the England players were tired not in their limbs but in their minds, and that this mental exhaustion has its roots in a deep-rooted uncertainty about who, exactly, they are supposed to be.

Paul Ince may have blundered close to the truth on the morning after the game, when he told a TV interviewer that too much nervous energy was to blame.

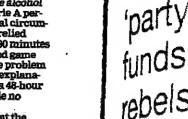
There's no such thing as nervous energy," Jack Charl-ton retorted from his seat in the studio. But there is, and more than one kind at that. England's variety was fuelled not by adrenalin but by a debilitating uncertainty.



identity crisis. On the one hand they know that we invented the game, we won the World Cup 30 years ago, and we've got the best league in the world. On the other, a great deal of empirical evilence suggests that we are no longer good enough to justify such comfortable beliefs.

The best example came at the start of Graham Taylor's last match, when the team kicked off against San Marino in a mood of unreal serenity. clearly believing that the three lions on their chests lent

them an inherent superiority



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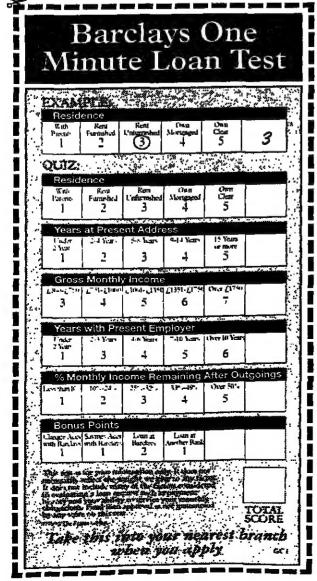
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ruled. Scotland simply Kluivert, who has played could not get the ball. The only 75 minutes in eight weeks, started the game on Dutch drums in the stands beat out a triumphant tattoo, weeks, started the game on the bench and eventually just past the hour. This en-abled Bergkamp, who is never happy when thrust up front on his own, to drift deep and wide but Kluivert still looked below par. riods of silence.

**History** repeats

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began, almost inevitably, Holland were also without the suspended Blind, who will with Goram, who on six minutes kept out a close-range shot from Seedorf. Then Colreturn against Switzerland on Thursday, and they missed his capacity for breaking forlins cleared a shot from Witschge off the line, amid ward to make sudden appear-Dutch claims for hand-ball that were supported by TV but not the Swedish referee. ances on the edge of the penalty area. At times their football lowed in the old manner but But by the time Goram Scotland's defence stood firm made his next urgent save, around Hendry and Calder-

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11 Double gin ret

bar (11)

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4 Fly-fish on returning to river (6)

6 Second mate at the wheel?

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9 Exercise preliminary to

10 Sign name to authorise

15 Carpets woven in various

18 One primate's a variety of

colour ranges (7) 17 Using this grip, soundly sank every putt (7)

22 Draught prescribed by

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23 Said to raise a smile (6)

25 Foreign girl's work permit

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24 Sub finds place in new-look

their trumpets were as bold as brass. By half-time, however, the band had been reduced to a series of brief encores punctuated by long pe-Scotland's resistance manner of going about the ask shows a lack of selfpathetic.

knowledge which is genuinely On Saturday the way the players ran out of puff led the coach to say that he could have taken off any one of eight

players "because we all looked very, very tired", an

land's problem. which would see them For all the jibes about inthrough. Ten seconds later flight refuelling, the problem is not irresponsibility. The they were a goal down. That was not complacency; it was a players may behave stupidly delusion of grandeur. And it is sometimes, but it would be wrong to accuse them of lack

ing a seriousness of intent. Paul Gascoigne and his team mates want success in this tournament as badly as any German or Italian. But their

has a clear idea of it himself Between the idea and the reality / Between the motion and the act / Falls the Shadow England are now so deep in that shadow that they cannot even recognise themselves.

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Down

1 Stripper and officer

the generator (10)

engaging in sln (6)

3 Parental training given

during pregnancy (8)

4 County players in blue (8)

5 Drinker, when a driver, took nothing (8)

7 Opening race has no starter

8 Plant producing fine sprays (4)

12 Judge again to receive due commendation (10)

14 A Tory clanger? Certainly a

13 Cheeky monkey to be rejected for male part (8)

19 Rest in peace, dear. (She shot herself.) (6)

bloomer! (8) 16 From River's banks, fish

with spears (8)

2 Switch off heater right by

still there. Venables was right not to make the players spend the last 48 hours practising corner kicks. They know how to do that. Instead he should have kept them together and drawn them into a discussion about what it means to play for England in 1996. If, that is, he

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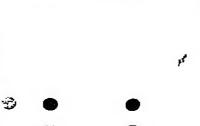
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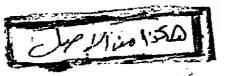
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